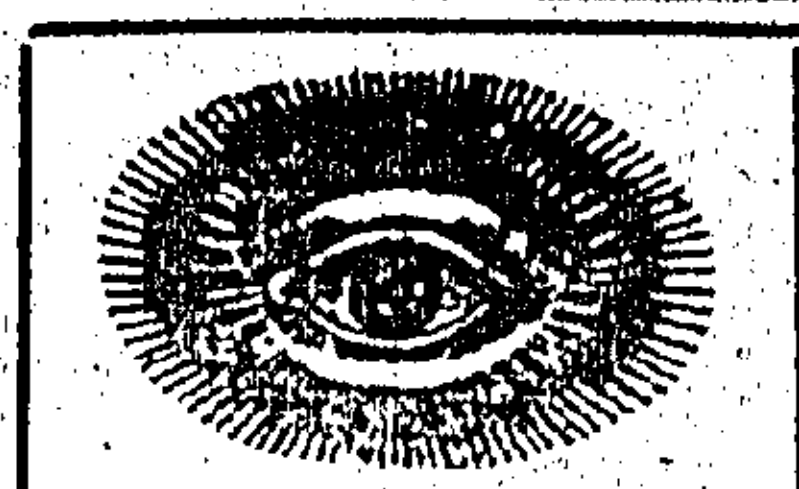



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MORE HANKOW PROCESSIONS. ICHANG ROWDIES CLEARED OFF STEAMER. TROOPS SOON DUE HERE.

No news is yet to hand concerning the nature of the new questions which have arisen for the Home Government's consideration in connection with the Hankow negotiations between Mr. O'Malley and Mr. Chen. News from Hankow itself says that there have been lantern processions through the British Concession, but that these passed off without incident.

At Ichang rowdy coolies had to be cleared off the British steamer Kingwo by armed guards, whilst a Chinkiang report states that northern troops are advancing into Chekiang from Changchow.

The British troopships Minnesota and Megantic, with naval and military units, are due in Hongkong towards the end of next week.

Embarked yesterday afternoon, the 2nd Batt. of the Suffolk Regiment, left for Shanghai this morning on the s.s. Varna.

The B.I. steamer Rohna, with detachments of R.A., R.E., R.A.M.C., and other units, and the s.s. Bankura, with both British and Indian troops, have proceeded direct to Shanghai, and we were informed to-day that both vessels must have reached the Northern port.

The first contingent from Home, 1,000 Marines aboard the s.s. Minnesota, are due to arrive in Hongkong next week, between Thursday and Saturday.

The Red Star liner, Megantic, carrying the commander of the Shanghai Defence Force, Major General Sir John Duncan, and his staff, and battalions of the Border Regiment and Bedford and Hertford Regiments, are expected to reach Hongkong next week-end.

NAVAL REPORTS.
Rowdy Coolies Dispersed.
Ichang, Feb. 17.
The British steamer Kingwo had to be cleared of rowdy coolies by armed guards to-day, causing a certain amount of excitement on shore.—*Naval Wireless.*

HANKOW PROCESSIONS.
Doubtful Labour Attitude.
Hankow, Feb. 17.
Many lantern processions passed through the British Concession yesterday and to-day, marking the end of the New Year holidays. The demonstrations passed off without incident, and the situation generally is unchanged. The attitude of the Labour Unions is, however, doubtful.—*Naval Wireless.*

Northern Troops Moving.
Chinkiang, Feb. 17.
The Northern troops which have advanced from Changchow are proceeding to Chekiang.—*Naval Wireless.*

CHINA AND LEAGUE.
Peking Note Deposited.
Geneva, Feb. 17.
Mr. Chao Hsin-chu has returned to Rome after handing to Sir Eric Drummond a copy of the Peking Note dated January 31st, to Britain concerning the dispatch of troops. He claimed to have received instructions to this effect from "the Chinese Government."

Sir Eric Drummond has enquired whether "the Chinese Government" desired a copy to be communicated to the members of the League, but has not received a reply.

Mr. Chu said he would be returning on March 3 for the Session of the Council, when, possibly, he would have received instructions enabling him to make an official statement to the League.—*Reuter.*

Mr. Chu and Kuomintang.
Geneva, Feb. 17.
Discussing the relations between Mr. Chao Hsin-chu and the Kuomintang, Mr. Li Sin-hui, an influential member of the Kuomintang European Executive Committee, said that Mr. Chu had always been in close touch with the Nationalists, of which he was a member fifteen years ago at Peking. The Kuomintang did not recognize Mr. Chu's official position but would always recognize all he could do for China's good. Mr. Li Sin-hui said it was premature to explain his own presence at Geneva.

SEAMEN'S CASE. UNION PRESIDENT'S EVIDENCE. ONE MAN SENT TO GAOL.

The three Chinese who were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy yesterday with possessing seditious literature again appeared in Court this morning, when his Worship announced his decision. The first two men, he said, were either uneducated or only partly educated, and probably did not realise the extent of their guilt. Those two men would be bound over in a personal bond of \$100 for three months. The third man, however, was educated, and was the principal of the three. He would be sent to prison for three months with hard labour, without the option of a fine.

Union President Called.
The defendants were caught in the crews' quarters on board the s.s. President Taft, with anti-British and seditious periodicals, called the *Chinese Seaman* and the three men were charged with possession, uttering, and distributing the periodicals. Yesterday, Mr. Lindsell called attention to the gross impropriety of a letter he received from the Seamen's Union stating the men were innocent and asking for their release. The third defendant expressed a wish to call the President of the Union. The President of the Union gave evidence this morning, when Mr. Lindsell, addressing him, said:—I have to explain to you the high impropriety of the letter which you have written to the Magistrate. If you wanted to say anything, you should have come to the Court yourself and not written a letter. I must further warn you that you need not say anything in the case which will lead you to incriminate yourself.

Witness said he was the President of the Hongkong branch of the Canton Seamen's Union, and he knew the three defendants. They were members of the Union, and their duties were to go on board ships and collect subscriptions. The first and second defendants had been in Hongkong for three months or more. The third man came here from Shanghai, and had been in the Colony for only eight days when he was arrested.

Aim of Publication.
The periodical, said witness, had been in existence since the establishment of the Union, and was once a monthly issue. Owing to complaints received from readers, the paper had since been made into a bi-monthly publication. Any member of the General Seamen's Union could send in matter for publication. Contributions were received from various parts of the world, but these only concerned matters relating to fellow-seamen. The purpose of the periodical was to keep the members informed as to what was going on.

Mr. Lindsell:—What about the heading of the article: "England Again Resorts to Massacre?"

Witness said that article was not put in as anti-British. The matter published related to facts.

Mr. Lindsell:—They are all lies, not facts.

Referring to an incident on the Yangtze, witness said that the military aimed their guns at innocent people, and the Union hoped that the same course would not be followed in future.

Mr. Lindsell:—Have you anything else to say?

Everybody Criticised.
Witness replied that he wanted to show that they did not publish these matters specially for the purpose of attacking the British. Taking one instance, he said the s.s. Kwong Wing belonging to the China Navigation Company, was commandeered by Marshal Sun Chuan-fang at Shanghai for the purpose of transporting troops. Their branch Unions in Shanghai sent a protest to Marshal Sun, because they regarded it as a move.

BLOW AT POWER OF PICKETS. ARRESTS NOW DECLARED ILLEGAL. NEW CANTON ORDER.

The Army Headquarters at Canton, of which General Li Chai-sum is the acting Chief, has issued an order to the effect that labour and peasant pickets have no right to effect arrests under any circumstances whatever. If they have any grievances they should report these to the proper Government authorities by whom matters will be redressed.

General Li Fuk-lum is denying that his Army is to leave for the Yunnan front. It appears that General Li is very displeased with the appointment given him to join the Yunnan expedition. He has tried many ways to influence General Chang Kai-shek to cancel the appointment and is relieved at the reports that the Government is postponing its proposed Yunnan Expedition.

MEXICAN OIL IMPASSE.

AN IMPORTANT VISITOR.
Mexico City, Feb. 17.
The Chairman of the Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corporation has conferred with the Minister of Industry and Commerce. He expects to see the President.

Considerable importance is attached to Mr. Sinclair's visit in view of the present impasse in the oil situation.—*Reuter's American Service.*

BACK FROM INDIA. AIR MINISTER'S RETURN.

London, Feb. 17.
Sir Samuel Hoare, (Air Minister) and Lady Hoare will reach London this evening on their return from their flight to India.

As fog still prevails in the Channel they are travelling from Paris by train and boat instead of by air as they originally intended.—*British Wireless.*

TRADE UNION LAW. NO BILL UNTIL AFTER BUDGET.

London, Feb. 17.
The Premier, replying in the House of Commons, to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald (Labour Leader) said that the Trade Union Bill could not be introduced until the finance of the year had been disposed of.—*British Wireless.*

NAVAL LIMITATION.

BRITAIN'S DELAYED REPLY EXPLAINED.

London, Feb. 17.
The British Government has not yet replied to the American disarmament proposals, as unlike other Powers, it must first consult the Dominions.—*Reuter.*

MEXICAN RAILWAY STRIKE.

BREAKDOWN OF CONFERENCE.

Mexico City, Feb. 17.
A general railway strike is timed to begin at midnight, following a breakdown of the conference between the disputants.—*Reuter's American Service.*

HANGCHOW FALLS. VICTORY ON THREE FRONTS. SUN'S FINAL STAND.

(Our Special Correspondent.)
Shanghai, Feb. 18.
The Nationalists now completely control Hangchow, having established a Kuomintang administration supplanting the fleeing Chekiang authorities.

The Nationalist troops were victorious on three fronts and are driving towards Kashing where Marshal Sun Chuan-fang is reported to be entrenching in a desperate endeavour to halt the drive to Shanghai.

A Retreating Army.
Shanghai, Feb. 18.
Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's forces are now in general retreat from Hangchow, which the Southerners have occupied without resistance. There is now no communication between Shanghai and Hangchow.

There are now 10,000 of Sun's retreating army at different points along the Shanghai-Hangchow railway between Kashing and Sungkiang, which seems to indicate that no further stand will be made in Chekiang.

Eight-hundred of the defeated troops, of which 150 were wounded, arrived in Shanghai this morning and went on to Nanjing.—*Reuter.*

Historic City.
Hangchow is the capital of Chekiang Province, and is only 110 miles south-west of Shanghai. Kashing, where Marshal Sun Chuan-fang is reported to be entrenching in order to make a final stand, is only 60 miles from the great seaport. Hangchow is one of the most famous cities in Chinese history. It is beautifully situated and the Chinese regard it as one of their most beautiful cities. It stands at the gate of the great imperial canal, on the left bank of the river Tientsin, where it enters the Bay of Hangchow. It was the Capital of the Sung Empire before its overthrow by the Mongols and was a splendid city when visited by Marco Polo early in the 14th Century. It still has many magnificent temples, is famous for its silk manufacture and for its gold and silver work. The river is subject to a dangerous bore—the well-known "Rangchow Bore." Previous to the Taiping rebellion, the city had some 2,000,000 inhabitants, but it was then (1861) laid in ruins and devastated and its population has not since exceeded 1,000,000.

Kashing, which is now being contested, is a "fu" city which has never fully recovered from the effects of the Taiping Rebellion, many of its buildings having over the years been left in ruins. It is a picturesque walled town with a reputation for its silk gauzes.

STOP PRESS.

CHEN READY TO SIGN.

Hankow, Feb. 18.
The Nationalist News Agency announces that it is authoritatively denied that the O'Malley-Chen negotiations have broken down. Mr. Eugene Chen says: "I am ready now to sign an agreement regarding the British Concession at Hankow."

The Agency adds that it is understood that the Nationalist Government views the recent declaration of Sir Austen Chamberlain regarding the defection of British troops to Hongkong as a basis upon which the Nationalists may proceed to the conclusion of a Hankow agreement.

The Agency also announces that the Nationalist Government has approved of a claim of \$3,500 made by the German authorities to cover the medical and hospital costs of the German business man, named Burmeister, who was assaulted by Chinese on January 1st.—*Reuter.*

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THE FRENCH DEBT TO BRITAIN. OFFER OF SIX MILLIONS ON ACCOUNT. TENTATIVE PROPOSAL.

London, Feb. 17.
Mr. Winston Churchill, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, stated in the House of Commons that he had been in constant touch with the French Finance Minister on the subject of the ratification of the Anglo-French debt agreement by France.

He had now received a communication from M. Poincare declaring that in view of the delay in obtaining the formal ratification of the debt agreement by the French Parliament, the French Government undertook, without prejudice to ratification, to pay \$6,000,000 during the next financial year—half on September 15th, 1927, and the remainder on March 15th, 1928.

Mr. Churchill added that, while trusting that the debt agreement would soon be ratified, he welcomed this communication as indicating that the French Government intended to meet its obligations in respect of the war debt, pending ratification.

The Portuguese Debt.
Replying to a question regarding the recent agreement for the funding of the Portuguese debt, Mr. Churchill stated that the original total of the debt was \$23,577,000 but this was reduced to \$20,133,000 in consideration of supplies rendered to this country during the war free of charge and in settlement of all outstanding claims. The present value of the annuities to be paid under the funding agreement was \$7,107,000.—*British Wireless.*

AVOIDING WARS. WHAT ARTICLE II REALLY MEANS.

London, Feb. 17.
A complete agreement has been reached by a small committee consisting of Mr. De Brouckere (Belgium), Viscount Cecil (Britain) and Mr. Titulesco (Rumania) which met in London yesterday and to-day to continue the study of Article 11 of the Covenant of the League of Nations already begun by the Committee of League Council last December.

Article 11 provides that "Any war or threat of war, whether immediately affecting any of members of League or not, is hereby declared a matter of concern to the whole League and the League shall take any action that may be deemed wise and effectual to safeguard the peace of nations."

Recommendations regarding such action will be presented by this small committee to a committee of the Council.—*British Wireless.*

FRENCH POLITICS

M. POINCARÉ GETS HIS WAY.

Paris, Feb. 17.
The Chamber of Deputies has passed a vote of confidence in the Government by 363 votes to 136, rejecting an Amendment by the Radical Socialists who sought an inversion of the order of the Government's parliamentary programme:—firstly, military reform; secondly, the budget; and thirdly, electoral reform.

M. Poincaré adhered to this order, and pointed out that if the Chamber tackled the business methodically all three measures could be dealt with in the present Session.—*Reuter.*

PUBLIC MONEY. THIS MORNING'S VOTES. NEW VOLUNTEER UNITS.

Financial votes amounting to \$215,097, to supplement the Estimates for 1927, were approved this morning by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council at a meeting held in the Council Chamber. The Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern) presided, and there were also present Hon. Mr. C. McI Messer (Colonial Treasurer), Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy (Director of Public Works), Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall and the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird.

The votes the Committee were asked to approve were as under:—

1. Education Department, special expenditure, King's College, \$659.
2. Education Department, special expenditure, fencing Queen's College playing ground, \$358.
3. Miscellaneous Services, Yunnan Scholarships, University, \$1,180.
4. Public Works, Extraordinary, building for magnetic instruments at Au Tau, New Territories, \$8,050.
5. Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, special expenditure, purchase of an embossed stamp with pressing machinery, \$120.
6. Charitable Services, other charitable allowances, gratuity to widow of Inspector Gipson, Sanitary Department, \$3,600.
7. Miscellaneous Services, other Miscellaneous Services, \$200,000.
8. Volunteer Defence Corps, other charges, Uniform including boots, \$1,200.

Items Explained.
The Colonial Secretary explained that the first and second items were revotes. The third item, Yunnan scholarships, had been explained in a paper circulated before the meeting. It was to enable a scholar to have an extra year at the University, in order to complete his medical course. The fourth item was a re-vote of money unexpended last year. The fifth item was a small sum required for a seal for the Secretariat of Chinese Affairs in consequence of their having moved into their new offices. The sixth item was one to which he would like to draw attention. Inspector Gipson, unfortunately died on his way to Hongkong on return from leave, and the Government sought the authority of the Finance Committee to make a grant of one year's salary to the widow. The seventh item was a sum required for Miscellaneous Services, consequent on the fact that the crisis had not come to an end as they had hoped it would when the Estimates were framed. The last item was a new one. The General had asked the Volunteer Defence Corps to establish a small Army Service Corps unit, and the Volunteers were prepared to do so if the Government would provide a small sum for uniform. The sum asked for was \$1,200.

Magnetic Instruments.
In connection with item No. 4, Hon. Sir Henry Pollock said he presumed the vote was in connection with the Royal Observatory and he would like to ask for what purposes the instruments were required, and, secondly, why it was necessary to put them so far from the Observatory as Au Tau.

The Colonial Secretary said he did not wish to give an explanation unless it was technically correct, but full information was given in the file, which Sir Henry Pollock could see. He believed it was connected with the magnetic variation of the latitude or longitude.

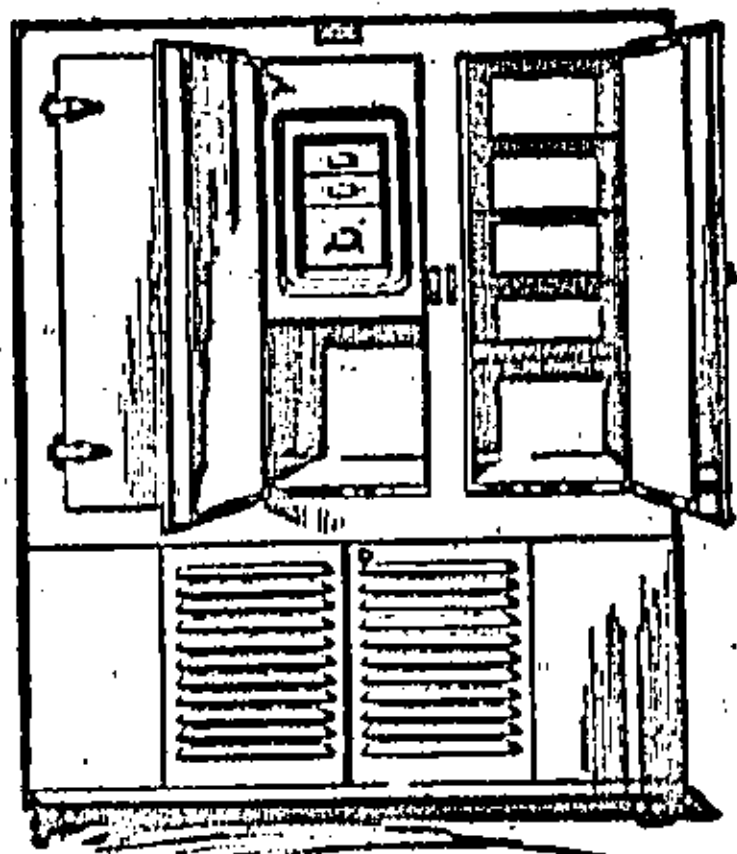
The Director of Public Works:—It is only a re-vote; it was passed last year.

The Chairman remarked that the site at Au Tau was specially selected. He believed the Observatory was too near the shipbuilding works for the instruments to be placed there.

The votes were approved.

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SHROFF IMPRISONED.

HOSPITAL MONEY
EMBEZZLED.

Serious charges involving the misappropriation of monies received on behalf of the Kowloon Hospital, were preferred against Chow Tai-hee, the shroff, before Mr. T. W. Ainsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when he was arraigned on indictments of (1) larceny by bailor of a cheque for \$192.42; (2) fraudulently endorsing the cheque with the name of Sister M. E. Dakin; (3) embezzlement of the sum of \$26.97 which was paid by a patient; (4) embezzlement of \$8.87 left in his custody by a patient of the hospital and (5) embezzlement of the sum of \$111.70.

Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith prosecuted on behalf of the Crown, while Dr. Smalley represented the Hospital.

In answer to the first three charges the defendant returned pleas of not guilty but admitted having received half of the \$8.87 mentioned in the fourth charge. The other \$4 of that sum had been used by Mr. Au, who actually received the money from the patient, a Shantung constable. The defendant pleaded guilty to the last count.

No Allegation.

Mr. Whyte Smith said that he was willing to accept the defendant's plea of embezzlement of half the sum mentioned in the fourth charge, but he wanted to point out that although he accepted that statement the Crown made no allegations against Mr. Au. The \$8.87 was a sum of money which a Shantung constable who was a patient in the hospital had handed over for safe custody as was the usual custom. He actually gave the money to Mr. Au, the clerk, who in turn handed the same sum to the shroff, who gave the former a receipt for the money.

On the defendant being arrested no monies were found in the safe in his office nor had the constable ever had his money returned to him.

Continuing, Mr. Whyte Smith said that he did not propose to go on with the first two charges at that stage, though he would not withdraw them before the others had been dealt with.

Defendant's Duties.

Referring to the duties of the shroff, Mr. Whyte Smith said that there was only another clerk besides him. The defendant was required to collect all monies in payment for treatment of patient or for the purchase of medicines. In receiving any money from debtors, the defendant always issued a receipt and the sums were entered on the counterfoils.

After accumulating large sums to obviate the payment of small sums the defendant paid all monies into the bank periodically.

The safe in which the money was kept had only two keys one of which the defendant had, while Dr. Smalley kept the other. The key to a drawer inside the safe was always in the possession of the defendant.

On January 29, at about 2.30 p.m., a shipping contractor paid the sum of \$26.97 to the defendant for medical treatment he had received at the hospital. The shroff should have given the man a receipt, but he said that he was busy and would give the contractor the document some other day.

No receipt had ever been given in acknowledgement of this payment although the patient returned some days later only to find that the defendant had been arrested.

After hearing the evidence on the third and fourth charges his Worship registered a conviction on both and imposed sentence of six months' hard labour on the third, fourth and fifth counts, the prosecution withdrawing the first two.

SUNNING PIRACY.

STEVEDORE IDENTIFIES
BOTH DEFENDANTS.

The case against the two Chinese who are charged in connexion with the Sunning piracy was continued at the Central Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. R. E. Lindell. Mr. T. H. King Director of Criminal Intelligence, assisted by Sub-Inspector Lane, prosecuted.

A carpenter, of the Sunning, said that he was in his room when the piracy started. He remained there up to 1 o'clock the next day. Then two pirates came and ordered him to the poop deck, where he was ordered to hoist No. 6 boat. When he did so, he noticed that a man was lying in the boat. He could not say how the man got there. Later he slid down a rope to the boat. There were ten of them in all, including the stevedore of the Sunning. About noon on the 16th he saw H.M.S. Bluebell. On sighting the Bluebell the pirates hauled him a wad of banknotes. One man jumped overboard and of the remaining nine men eight went aboard the Bluebell. The last man was either sick or wounded as he could not walk. He had to be hauled up by a rope.

The stevedore next gave evidence, which was very similar in nature to what the carpenter said. He was also given some money to hold when the pirates sighted H.M.S. Bluebell. He saw firearms thrown overboard and he identified both the defendants. No. 1 defendant was one of the men in the boat, while No. 2 was the man who visited his cabin several times with one of the pirates who were convicted last month.

Mr. J. Finny, a draughtsman of Taikoo, testified to having made six copies of the plan of the s.s. Sunning.

The case was adjourned to Tuesday afternoon at 2.15 p.m.

FIRE TRAGEDY RECALLED.

UNSUCCESSFUL SUIT AGAINST
INSURANCE CO.

A tragic fire which occurred in Sage Street at Singapore last year, when five Chinese women were burnt to death, was recalled in the Supreme Court there in an action before the Chief Justice, Sir William J. Burrows.

Mah Toong Nam, the tenant of the house which was burnt, was subsequently arrested and charged with murder but discharged. Mah Toong Nam now sued the Shanghai Fire and Marine Insurance Company for \$8,149 under a policy taken out in 1922. The defendants denied liability and alleged that the plaintiff caused the damage by his own wilful act or connivance.

The insurance company denied liability on the following grounds:—Contrary to the provisions of the policy, the plaintiff, without giving notice to the defendants, effected a further insurance governing part of the property with the Asia Insurance Company; he stored large quantities of saffron and kaju puth oil in his shop, which was contrary to the warranty attached to the policy regarding hazardous goods; he did not make a claim containing an account of the articles within the further time allowed by the company in the circumstances of the case, and finally, he caused the damage by his own wilful act or with his connivance.

Mr. Page said he would call Police Inspector Tongue, in support of the defendants' allegation that the plaintiff had either caused the damage himself or connived at it.

Inspector Tongue said that on the day of the fire, the plaintiff made a statement to him to the effect that trade being very bad with him, he had arranged with a druggist who occupied the same

WEDDING.

CHRISTENED AND MARRIED
AT CATHEDRAL.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized in St. Andrew's Cathedral at Singapore, the contracting parties being Miss Eena Kathleen Rothery Nutt, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Nutt, and Lionel Rupert Duines, of the British American Tobacco Company, Batavia.

The ceremony was conducted by the Bishop of Singapore, the Rt. Rev. C. J. Ferguson-Javie, assisted by the Rev. J. V. Westlake. The service was fully choral, and was attended by a large number of relatives and friends of the bride and bridegroom.

The bride was attended by her younger sister, Miss Marian Rothery Nutt. The best man was Mr. W. E. J. Hatch, the manager of the Singapore branch of the British American Tobacco Company.

The bride's parents are very well-known in Malaya. Mr. Nutt was at one time engaged with the Straits Trading Company of which he was managing director for the latter part of his service and is now connected with Francis Peck and Co., of Batavia. The bridegroom is also very well known, being formerly stationed at the Singapore branch of his company.

It is interesting to note that the bride's parents were married at the Cathedral, and in addition to this, the bride herself was christened there.

house to have a fire and claim insurance. He paid a man to set fire to the house, after both he and the druggist had removed their goods to a place of safety.

After hearing further evidence, his Lordship gave judgment for the defendants with costs.

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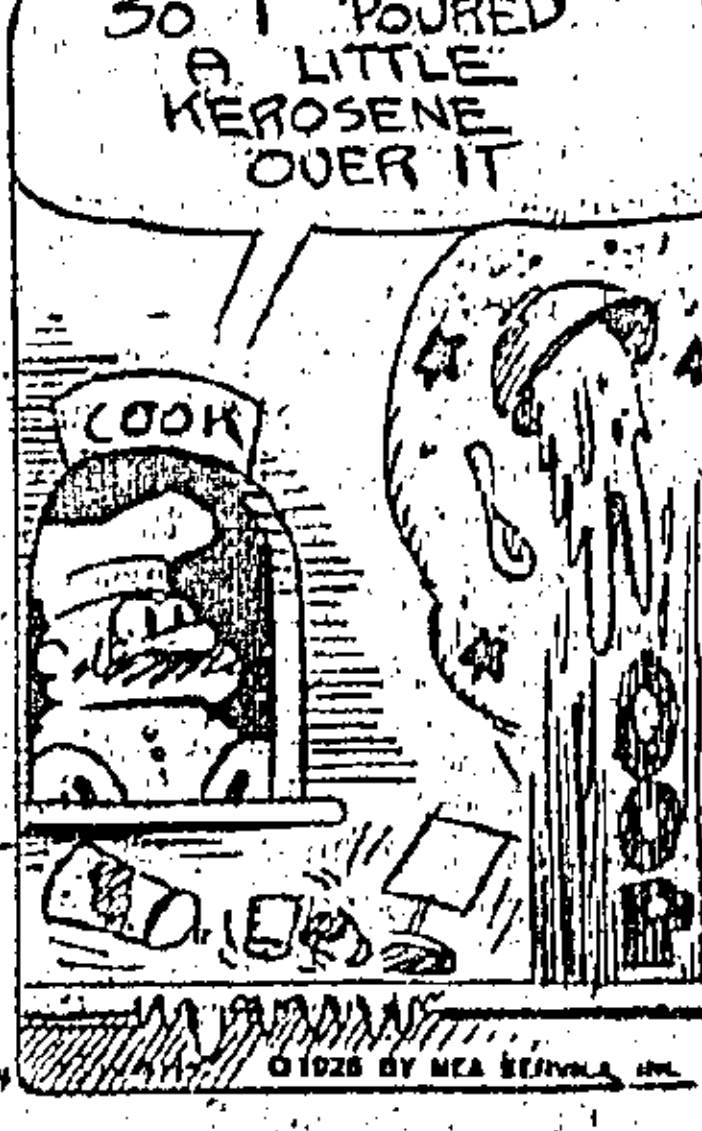
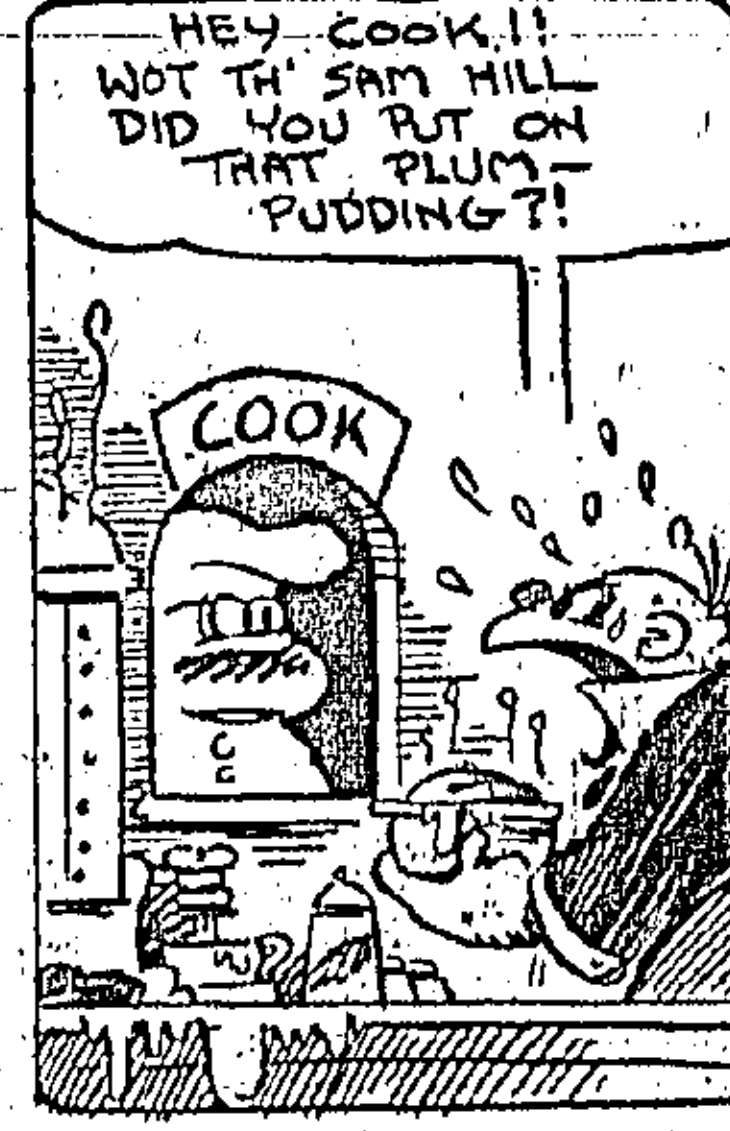
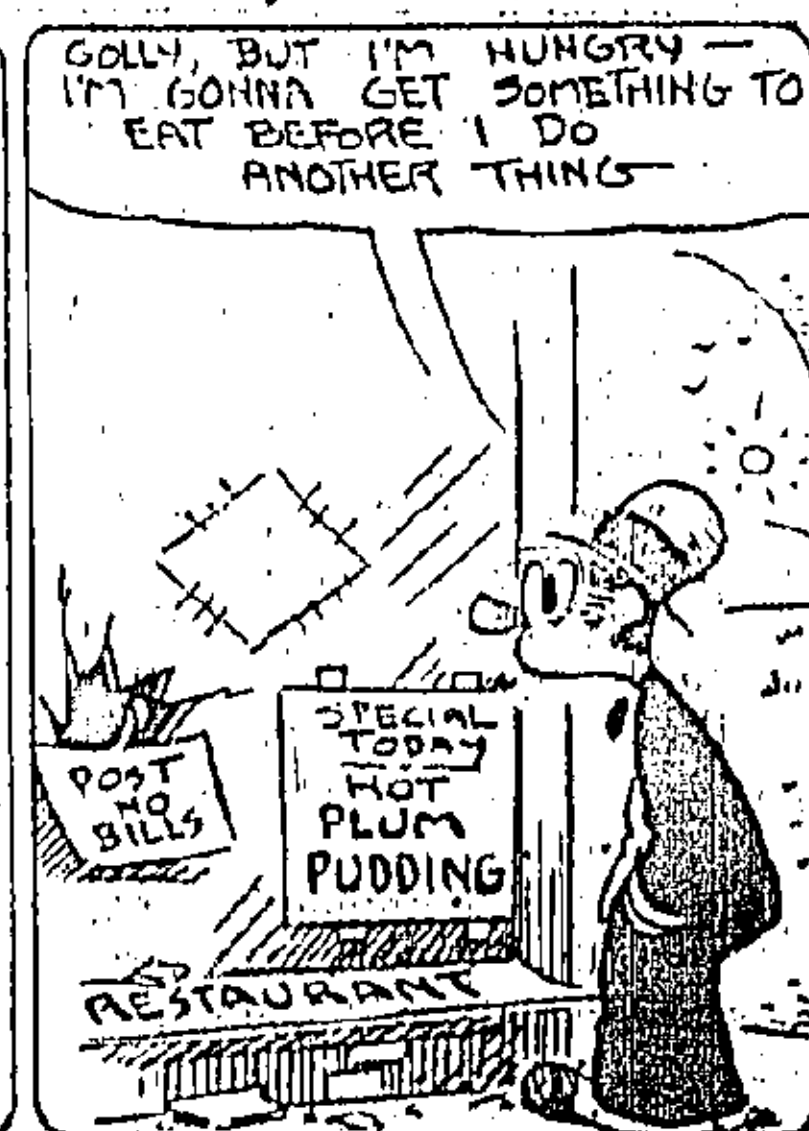
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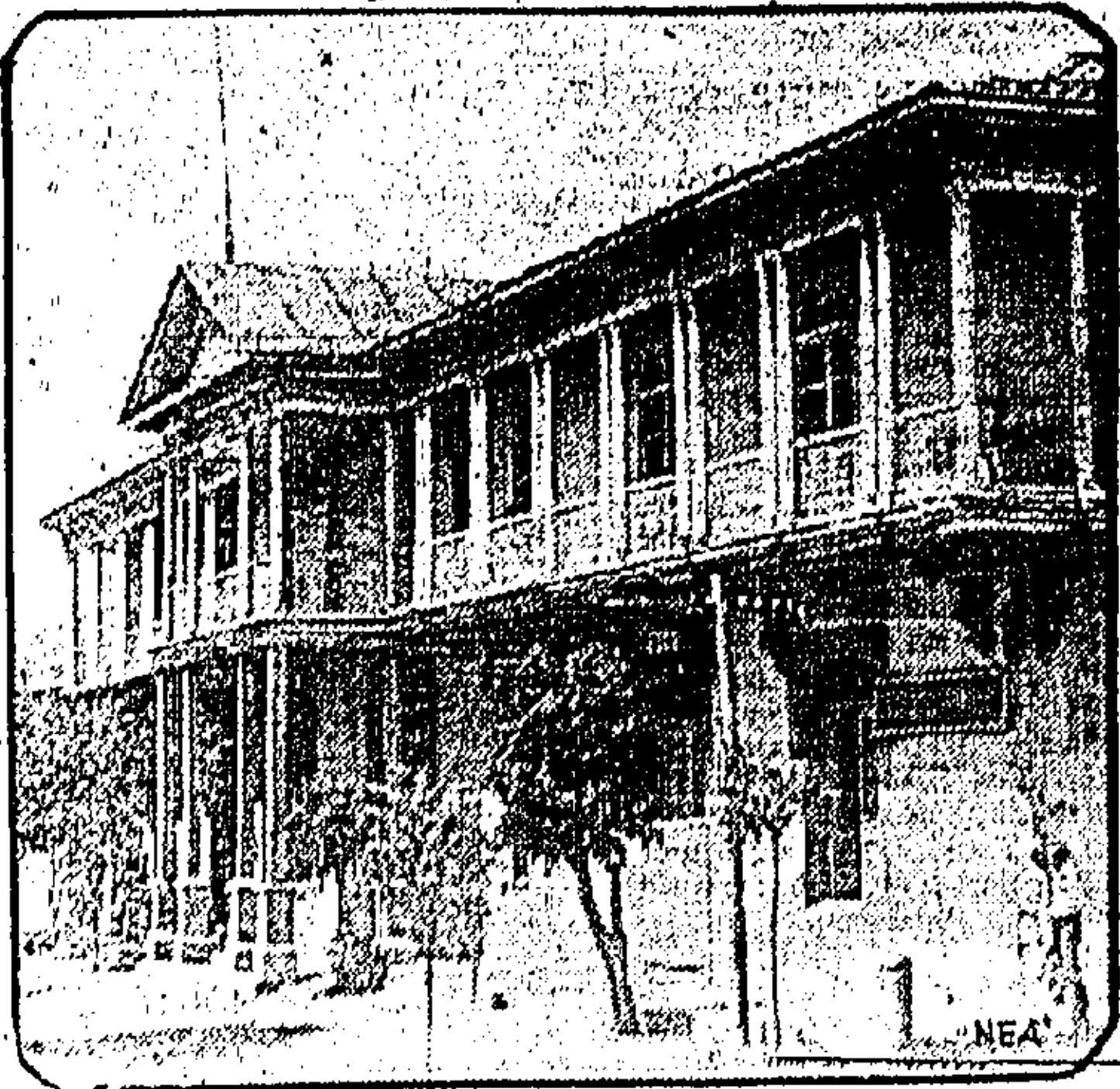
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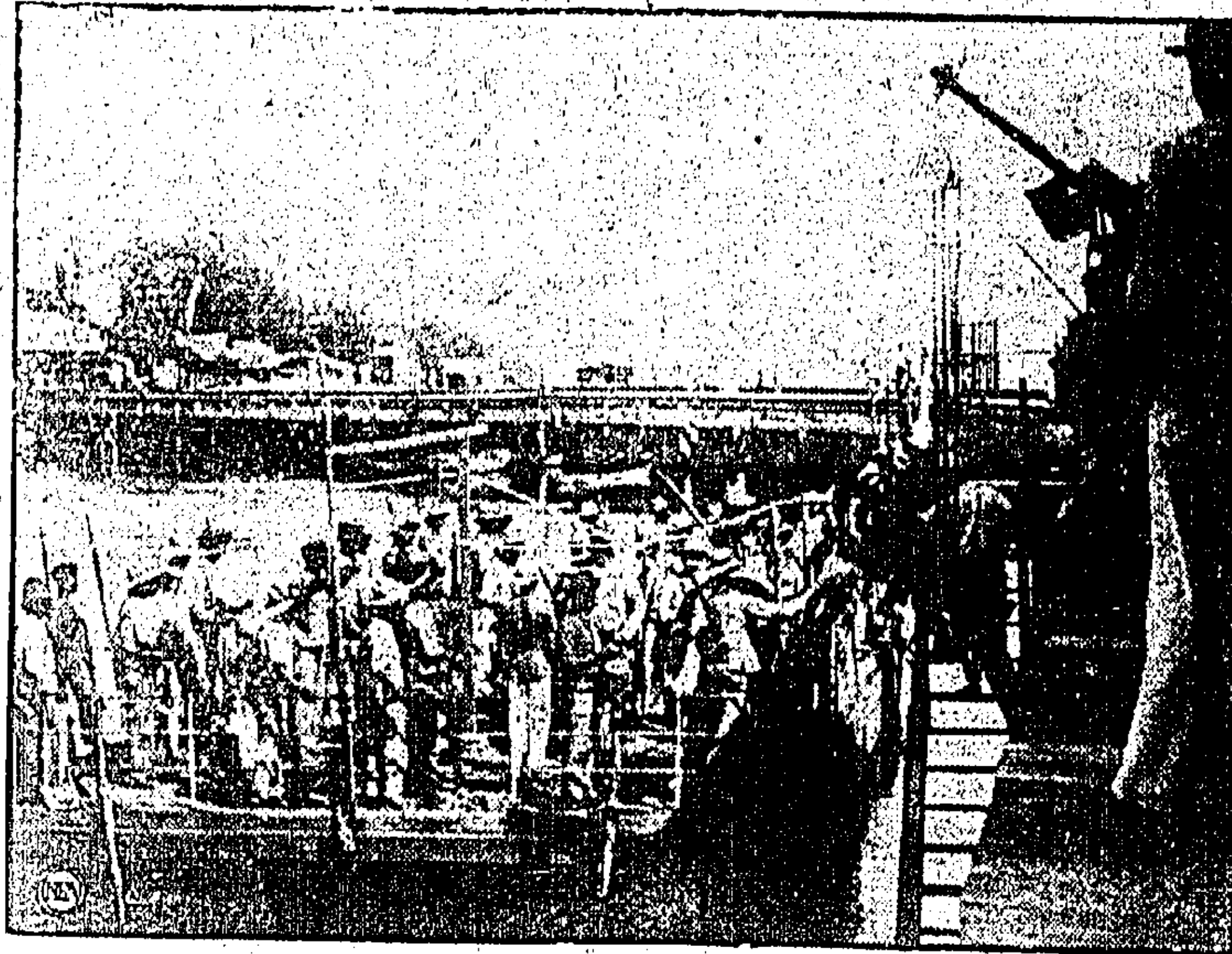
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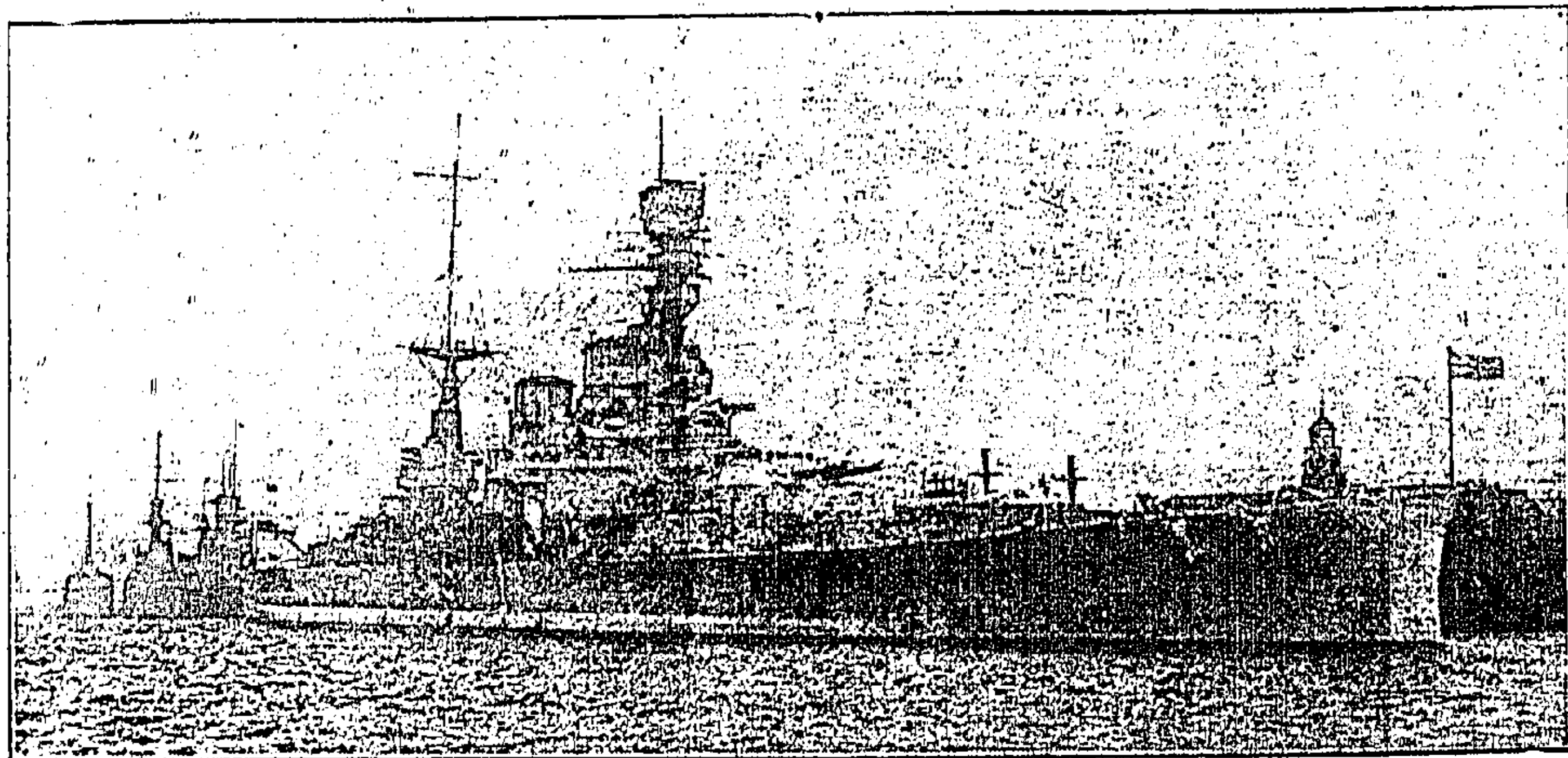




MARINE QUARTERS.—The barracks in the city of Leon, Nicaragua, used by American troops during a former intervention and again during the present crisis.



DIAZ TROOPS DISEMBARKING.—This photo, shows a group of Diaz troops being disembarked at a west coast port after having been roundly whipped by Sacaca forces.



THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK'S TOUR.—A photograph of "H.M.S. Renown" in which the Duke and Duchess of York are travelling to New Zealand and Australia. The Prince of Wales travelled in the Renown when he visited New Zealand in 1920. (Times copyright).



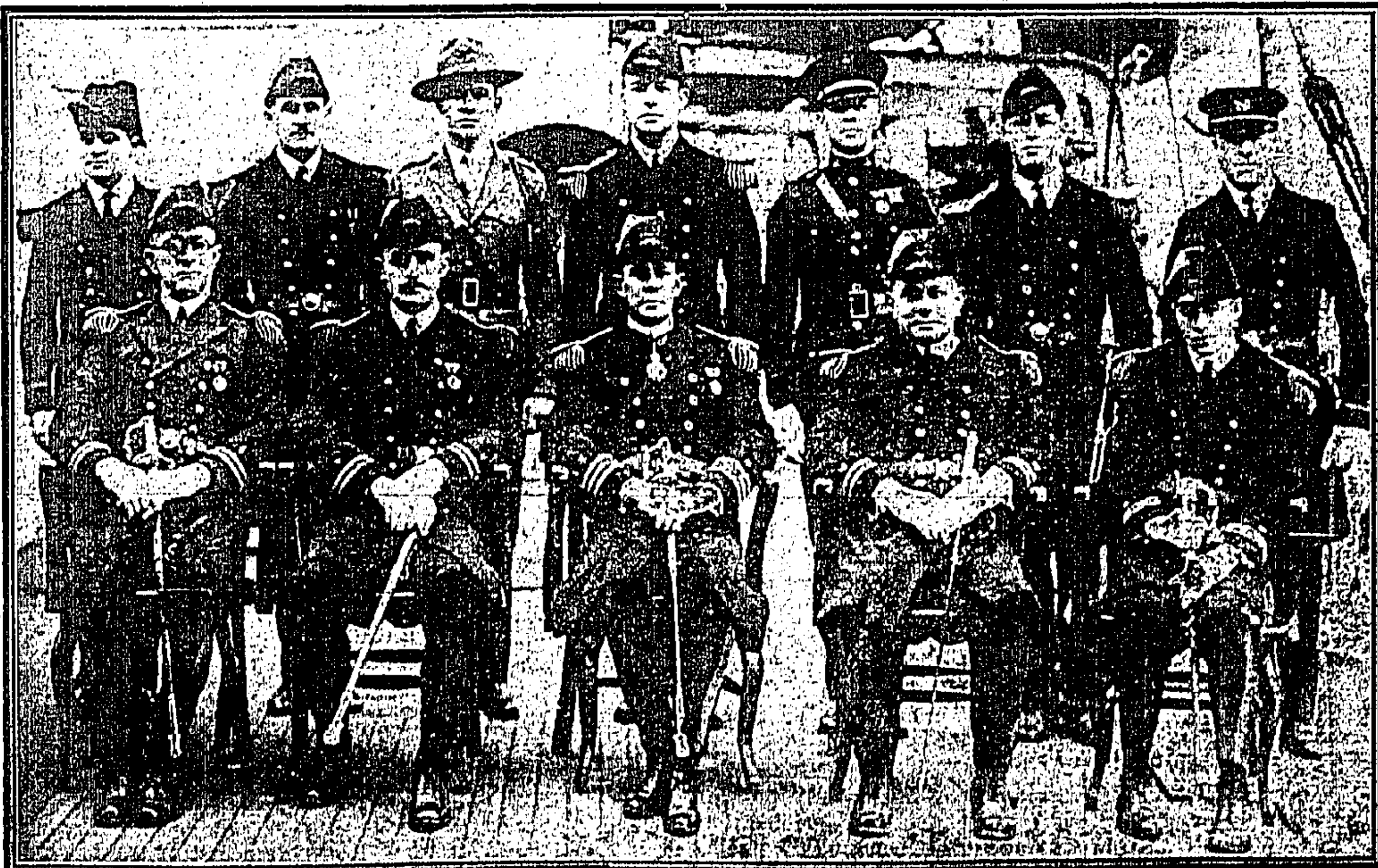
SCIENTISTS' HEAD.—One of least photographed Americans of prominence is Dr. Liberty H. Bailey, Cornell University horticulturist, pictured above.



INDIAN DELEGATES IN SOUTH AFRICA.—Sir Muhammad Habibullah (centre, with bouquet), the leader of the Indian delegation to South Africa, welcomed to Cape Town by Dr. Malan (second from left). (Times copyright).



MASS MEETING AT HANKOW.—A scene at a recent Chinese mass meeting held at Hankow.



OFFICERS OF THE U. S. S. SACRAMENTO.—Standing, left to right: Ensign A. A. Griese, U.S.N.; Lieut. (J. G.) D. B. Justice, U.S.N.; Lieut. H. E. Rosecrans, U.S.M.C.; Lieut. (J. G.) R. P. Wadell, U.S.N.; 1st Lieut. Jno. M. Greer, U.S.M.C.; Ensign F. R. Furth, U.S.N.; Pay Clerk A. M. Ruston, U.S.N. Seated, left to right: Lieut. V. B. Riden (M.C.), U.S.N.; Lieut. P. K. Fleschler, U.S.N.; Commander I. H. Mayfield, (Commander, Order of Nichou Ifikhar), U.S.N.; Commanding; Lieut. W. H. Abbey (S.C.), U.S.N.; Lieut. (J. G.) Owen Rees, U.S.N. This picture was taken at Shanghai.



HELPS MELLON.—Mr. Carl Schuneman is the newly appointed assistant secretary of the U. S. treasury. His predecessor, Judge McKenzie Moss, retired. This picture was taken just after he took his oath of office in Washington.

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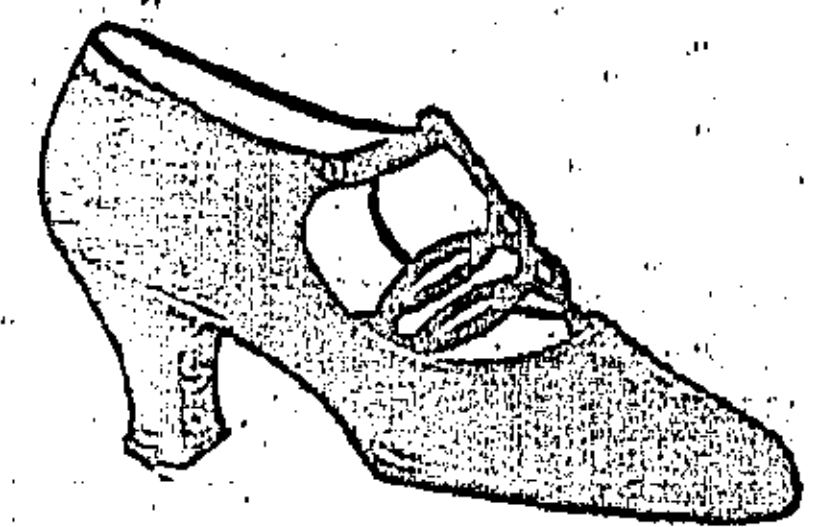
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U. S. R. C.**TENNIS TOURNAMENT.**

All rounds, up to and including the Semifinals are to be completed on or before Sunday, Feb. 27th. The Finals will be played on Thursday, March 3rd, when the annual "At Home" will be held.

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO. (1918), LTD.

With reference to the Notice to Shareholders of this Company dated 17th September, 1926, whereby the Final Call of \$3.00 per share on the New Shares was made payable on 1st March, 1927, instead of 1st October, 1926, the General Managers and Consulting Committee have decided, in view of the conditions prevailing at present, to further extend the time for payment of the Call.

Notice is accordingly hereby given that the date for payment of the Final Call is postponed to 30th June, 1927, and that the Form of Bankers' Receipt already sent to Shareholders can be used as though the date named therein were the 30th June, 1927.

FOR THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO. (1918), LTD., SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 16th Feb., 1927.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE 1911-1925.****IN THE MATTER OF THE CHINA SPECIE BANK LIMITED.**

(IN LIQUIDATION).

NO. 1 OF 1923.

A final dividend is intended to be declared in the matter of the China Specie Bank Limited. (In Compulsory Liquidation). Creditors who have not proved their debts by the 31st March 1927 will be excluded. Dated this 17th day of February 1927.

J. HENNESSEY SETH
S. HAMPDEN ROSS,
Liquidators.**NOTICE.**

The Seventh ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION will be held in the ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL, KOWLOON, on MONDAY, 21st February, 1927, at 6 p.m.

BUSINESS:

Adoption of Report and Accounts for the year 1926.

Election of Officers and Committee for 1927.

Any other business.

The presence at the meeting of all interested in the welfare of Kowloon is solicited and expected, whether they are members of the Association or not.

F. W. STAPLETON,
Acting Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, Feb. 16, 1927.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty-Eighth Ordinary General Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on SATURDAY, 5th March, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1926, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 21st February to 5th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order
of the Board of Directors,GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 12th Feb., 1927.**THE BANK OF EAST ASIA LTD.****NOTICE:**

NOTICE is hereby given that the EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, at 3.30 p.m. Saturday, February the 26th, 1927, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 19th February to Saturday, 26th February, 1927, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order
of Board of Directors,KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 11th February, 1927.**THE HONGKONG CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 44, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1927, at Noon for the purpose of receiving a report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from WEDNESDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, to TUESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1927, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order
of the Board of Directors,JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.**NOTICE.****KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB.**DANCE
at Savoy Hotel,
on Friday, 18th February, 1927,
at 9 p.m.**V. R. C.**

The Annual General Meeting of Members will be held in the Club, on Friday, 18th instant, at 8 p.m. All Members are requested to attend.

THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL.**HONGKONG.**Next Term will begin on Tuesday, March 1st, 1927, at 9 a.m.
New Boys will attend on Monday, February 28th, 1927, at 9 a.m.The Rev. W. T. FEATHERSTONE,
M. A. Oxon,
Headmaster.**THE INTERNATIONAL RACE AND RECREATION CLUB OF MACAO LTD.****NOTICE.****3RD RACE—SECOND DAY.**

"The Hongkong Plate."

A cup has been kindly presented by Mr. Hee Cheong, Chairman, of the PRESIDENT HOTEL, LTD., Macao, to the winning Jockey of the above race.

By Order,
GEO. CHENG,
Clerk of the Course.**WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.**

Sealed Tenders will be received at the office of the O.C., R.A.S.C., Headquarters Offices, Victoria Barracks, Hongkong, until 12 o'clock noon on the date stated for the undermentioned service for a period of six months commencing 25th Feb., 1927.

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24th February, 1927.

Tender Forms and any necessary information may be obtained at the above office between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily, except Sundays.

THE INTERNATIONAL RACE AND RECREATION CLUB OF MACAO LTD.

The Inaugural Race Meeting under the auspices of the above Club, will be held at Areal Preta, on Saturday and Sunday, 19th and 20th February, 1927.

First Saddling Bell (First Day)

at 1.30 p.m.

First Saddling Bell (Second Day)

at 12.00 Noon.

Madame de Sousa Barbosa has kindly consented to perform the opening ceremony, at 12.00 Noon.

Refreshment and Tea obtainable at the Course. Special Bus Services between Wharf and the Race Course.

By Order,
GEO. CHENG,
Clerk of the Course.

Macao, 16th Feb., 1927.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 26th February, 1927, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be CLOSED from Monday, the 14th February to Saturday, the 26th February, 1927, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of share can be registered.

By Order
of the Court of Directors.A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 7th February, 1927.**Before You Advertise**DISCOVER WHICH
NEWSPAPER
Your Friends Read**NOTICE.****HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LTD.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of Hongkong Tramways Limited, will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, on Monday, the 7th day of March, 1927, at 12 o'clock noon to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the company, will be closed from TUESDAY, February 22nd to MONDAY, 1st March, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th Feb., 1927.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

The undermentioned Certificates for Shares in this Company have been declared LOST and if at the expiration of ONE MONTH from the date hereof the documents are not forthcoming the said Certificates will be deemed CANCELLED and of no effect and new Certificates will be issued by the Company.

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Nos. 58710/58809.Certificate No. 2748—150 Shares
Nos. 149766/149906.Certificate No. 58—83 Shares
Nos. 154006/154088.

All in the name of Mrs. Yeung Kwai Shim.

FOR THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th Feb., 1927.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.**RACE MEETING 1927.**28th February, 1st, 2nd,
and 5th March.**MEMBERS' BADGES.**

Members' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those Members, who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure. A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before Saturday, February 26th, 1927, at a cost of \$10.- each per day or \$30.- for the Meeting.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4.- per day—Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badges for the admission of two Ladies free of charge. On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first three days racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, price \$3.- per day for all persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., or at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.- per day.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination, and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.**THE VOLUNTEERS.****LATEST CORPS ORDERS.**

Volunteer Defence Corps Orders, issued by Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., state:

Artillery and Engineer Companies.

Musket Course Part I. will be fired by the above companies at Stonecutters' Range on Sunday, February 20th. Range Officer: 2/Lieut. R. S. Logan. Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or multi optional, but rifle, bayonets, pouches, braces and bolts must taken as the whole Part I. Course must be fired in drill order, whether over uniform or multi. Arms: Must be drawn from Headquarters to-day, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m. and on Saturday, February 19th, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Engineer Company.

The light runs at Belcher's Fort will take place on Thursday, February 24th, from 5.30 to 11 p.m. It is proposed to run the Belcher's Lights in conjunction with the Royal Engineers and Royal Artillery at Stonecutters' on this night.

Dress: Uniform—Tunics, trousers, belts, haversack and waterbottle and caps. Sandwich rations will be provided by the Corps.

Annual Inspection.

The General Officer Commanding, South China Command, will inspect the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps on Tuesday, February 22nd, 1927, at 6 p.m. on Murray Parade Ground.

Every member of the Corps (Reserve Company included) is required to attend.

The Corps less Mounted Infantry and Armoured Car Companies will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.15 p.m.

One marker from each unit will report to the Corps Sergeant Major on Murray Parade Ground at 5.30 p.m.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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Mounted Infantry and Armoured Car Companies will parade on Murray Parade Ground at 5.15 p.m.

The Corps will be drawn up as in diagram No. 1 which will be distributed to Officers later.

Dress: Drill tunics, shorts and puttees, helmets, belts, rifles and bayonets. Models will be worn if in possession; if not, ribbons 1 inch long Chin Straps will be worn under the chin.

Mounted Infantry Company will parade with rifles, bayonets and bandoliers. Breeches.

Scottish Company will dress in the kilts with glengarries, khaki tunics, sporans, diced hose tops, flashes and spats. Bolts and frogs.

Officers' dress: Khaki drill, breeches, puttees, Sam Browne belt, sword and sword knot, helmets.

Practice Parades.—Practice parades for the above inspection will be held at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, February 18th, in multi, and on Monday, February 21st, in uniform.

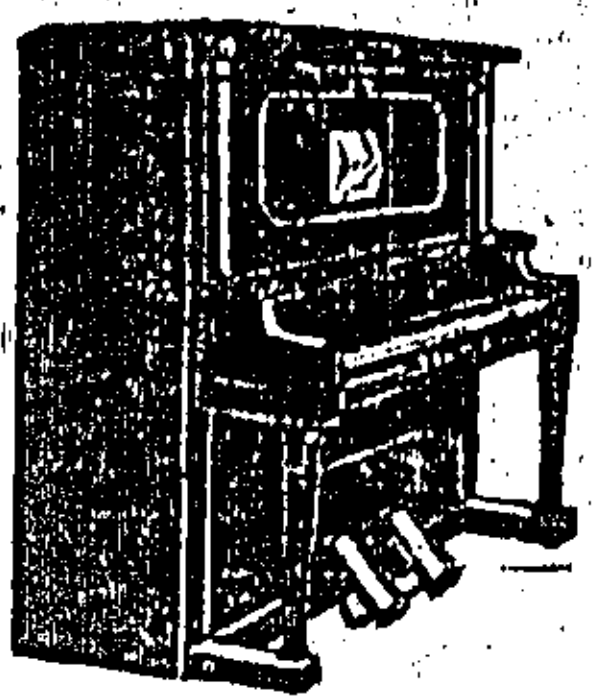
Members are reminded that attendance at the G.O.C.'s Inspection is one of the qualifications for efficiency.

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Infantry Company.

All members are reminded that attendance at the G.O.C.'s Inspection on Tuesday, February 22nd, is a condition of efficiency, and every member of the Company is expected to be present at the Inspection and also the Dress Rehearsal Parade at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters on Monday, February 21st.

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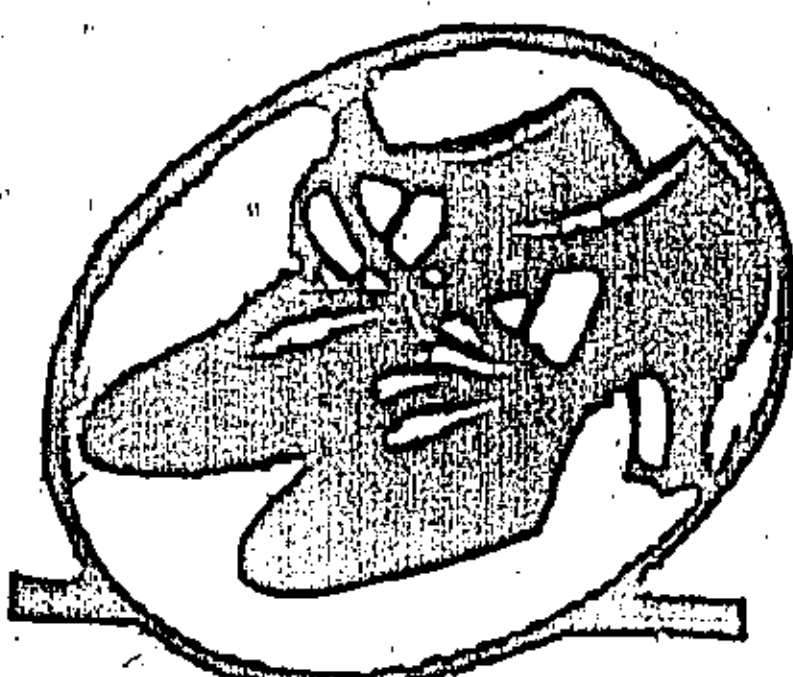
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MEXICAN OIL LAW.

AMERICAN COMPANIES' ATTITUDE.

Washington, Feb. 17. Mr. Kellogg has advised the Senate that of forty-seven Americans and American corporations, who owned oil lands in Mexico, only four have applied for confirmatory concessions under the petroleum laws. He said that two of the four were not actively producing petroleum in Mexico and the other two were not owned as fee property. Foreign companies which specifically refused to accept the new petroleum law include the Standard Oil Company, the New Jersey, the Anglo-American Petroleum Company, the Royal Dutch and Shell. —Reuter's American Service.

MILITARY REFORMS.

CHANGES IN FRENCH ORGANISATION URGED.

Paris, Feb. 17. Before the Chamber's Military Committee M. Poincaré pointed out the urgency of the reform of the military organization and the necessity to vote the budget and the military laws before the summer holidays. He stated that the Government was ready so far as concerned the military project although it had not yet come to any decision concerning electoral reform. Marshal Foch speaking on the question of disarming Germany declared that while disarmament was effective he recommended vigilance in the future. —Havns.

LIONESS SAVES TRAINERS.

DRAGS ENRAGED LION AWAY.

Captain Fred Wombwell, the animal trainer, would almost certainly have been killed by an African lion during a recent week end had it not been for the gratitude and intervention of a lioness whose sick cubs he had been tending.

The animals belong to Bostock and Wombwell's circus, which was at Leicester.

After a performance Captain Wombwell entered a cage to attend to the sick cubs, when a large African lion in another part of the cage broke through the partition and sprang on him.

Cubs Join in.

Pinned in a corner of the cage, the captain struggled with the enraged beast, which threatened every moment to maul him to death.

His back and shoulders were torn and bleeding, and his strength had practically deserted him, when the lion itself was attacked by the mother of the cubs.

She sprang on the back of the lion, biting and tearing him with her claws, and after a fierce struggle she succeeded in dragging him off the tamer.

The lion turned round to defend himself against the lioness, and the two beasts began a fierce fight, in which the cubs joined.

Trainer Crawls Out.

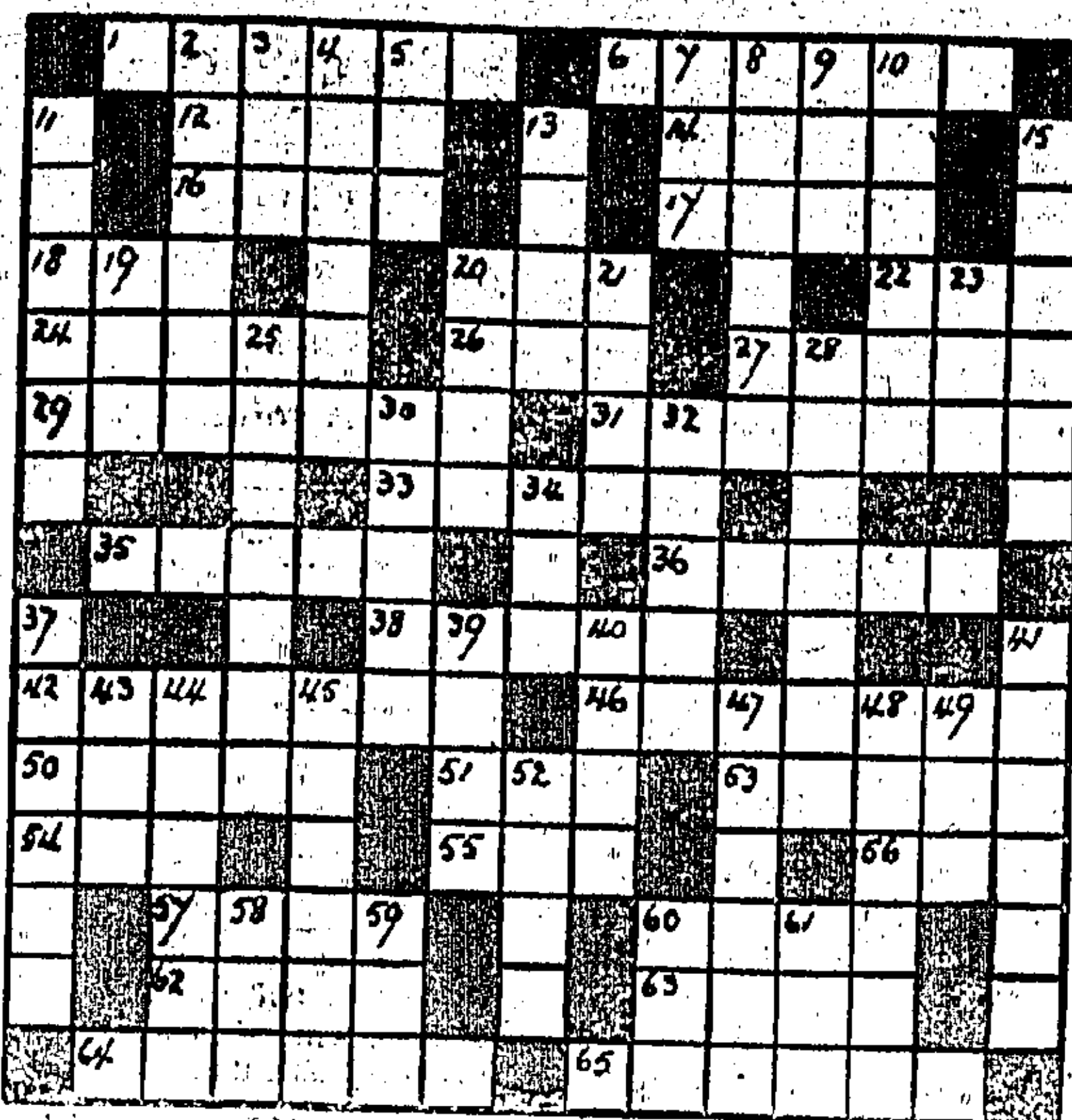
In the confusion Captain Wombwell crawled to the door and fell out in a state of collapse.

An assistant trainer, who was the only person within call, but so fiercely were the animals fighting that for some time he was unable to enter the cage to separate the beasts.

"In my 40 years' experience this is the narrowest escape from death I have had," said Captain Wombwell later.

Capt. Wombwell was saved by a lioness, under similar circumstances, at Dundee, three years ago.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



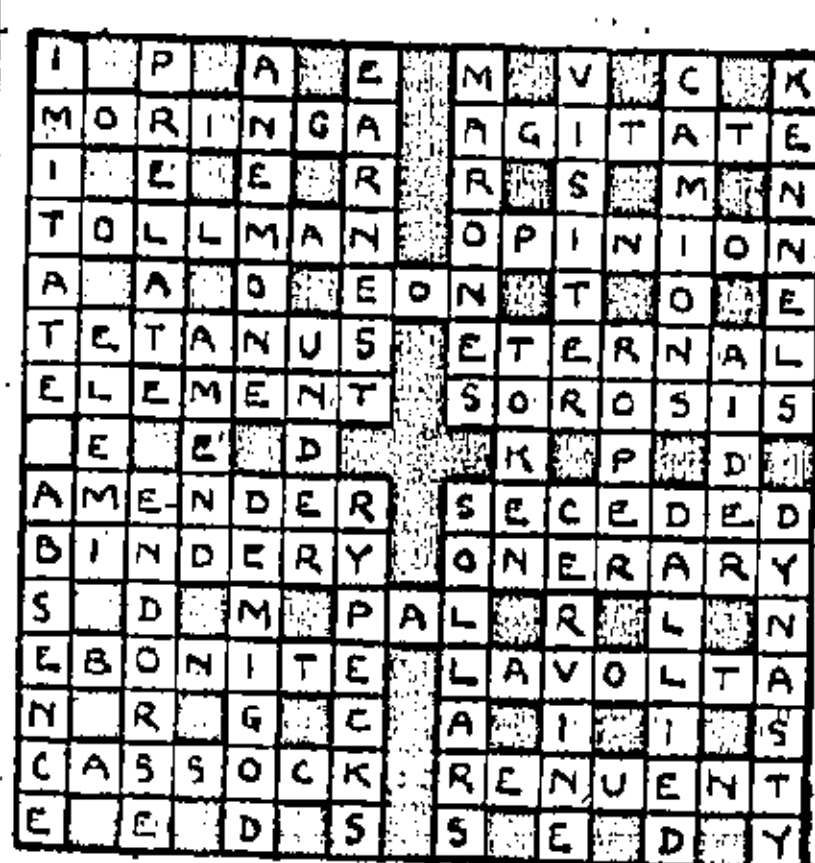
Down.
2. Cressy Alcohol.
3. Atmosphere.
4. Close-fitting coat.
5. Possessive pronoun.
7. Soft saddle.
8. Runs away.
9. Consume.
10. Malay dagger.
11. Deduction.
13. Perennial plant.
15. Rewarded heavily on the mind.
19. Wrath.
20. Leg covering.
21. Envelop.
23. Automobile.
25. Calumny.
28. One who studies.
30. Common rhubarb.
32. Assume wrongfully.
34. Share.
37. Aid.
39. Ex-emperor of Russia.
40. Discern.
41. Crawl.
43. Number.
45. Furnish.
46. Rise.
47. Girl's name.
48. Floating on the surface of water.
49. Self.
52. Particles of stone.
58. Before.
59. Favourite.
60. Beverage.
61. Cry of a sheep.

Across.

1. Genus of ornamental plants.
6. Oration.
12. Disturbance.
14. Pertaining to wings.
16. Periods.
17. Senile silliness.
18. Twice.
20. Fell with an axe.

22. Unit.
24. Ascended.
26. Over.
27. Literary composition.
29. Employees in banks.
31. Stern.
33. Assists.
35. Rigid.
36. Beneath.
38. Entire.
42. Little rivers.
46. One who spins.
50. Fortune tellers.
51. European adder.
53. Elevated platform.
54. Tavern.
55. Streak of light.
56. Part of a foot.
57. Profound.
60. Father.
62. Eagle.
63. Thin.
64. Pleading.
65. Narrate.

Yesterday's Puzzle.



QUIET BOW BELLS!

THE OLD CHURCH FALLING TO PIECES.

Bow Bells, whose chimes from Cheapside are world-famous, have been silenced by order of the rector of St. Mary-le-Bow, the Rev. S. G. Ponsonby.

"Something has gone wrong with the best tenor," Mr. Ponsonby told a *Daily Chronicle* representative. "I don't know what is the matter with it, but it is dangerous to use, and I have had to forbid the use of all 12 bells. It will cost £5,000 to restore the peal, and until the money is forthcoming I am afraid London cannot hear the bells again."

Decay is not limited to the bells. The whole of the interior of the church is in such a state of disrepair that it is falling to pieces.

Explosion Damage.

Lying near the font may be seen a huge plaster boss, weighing about 100lb., which fell from the roof. "I am leaving it there to tell its own tale," said Mr. Ponsonby. "Happily no one was near when it crashed to the floor. It might have fallen when I was baptizing a baby. The south and west walls are very badly cracked."

"When the Silvertown explosion occurred during the war the church was shaken and the damage done then has been getting worse every year." There are cracks and weaknesses everywhere.

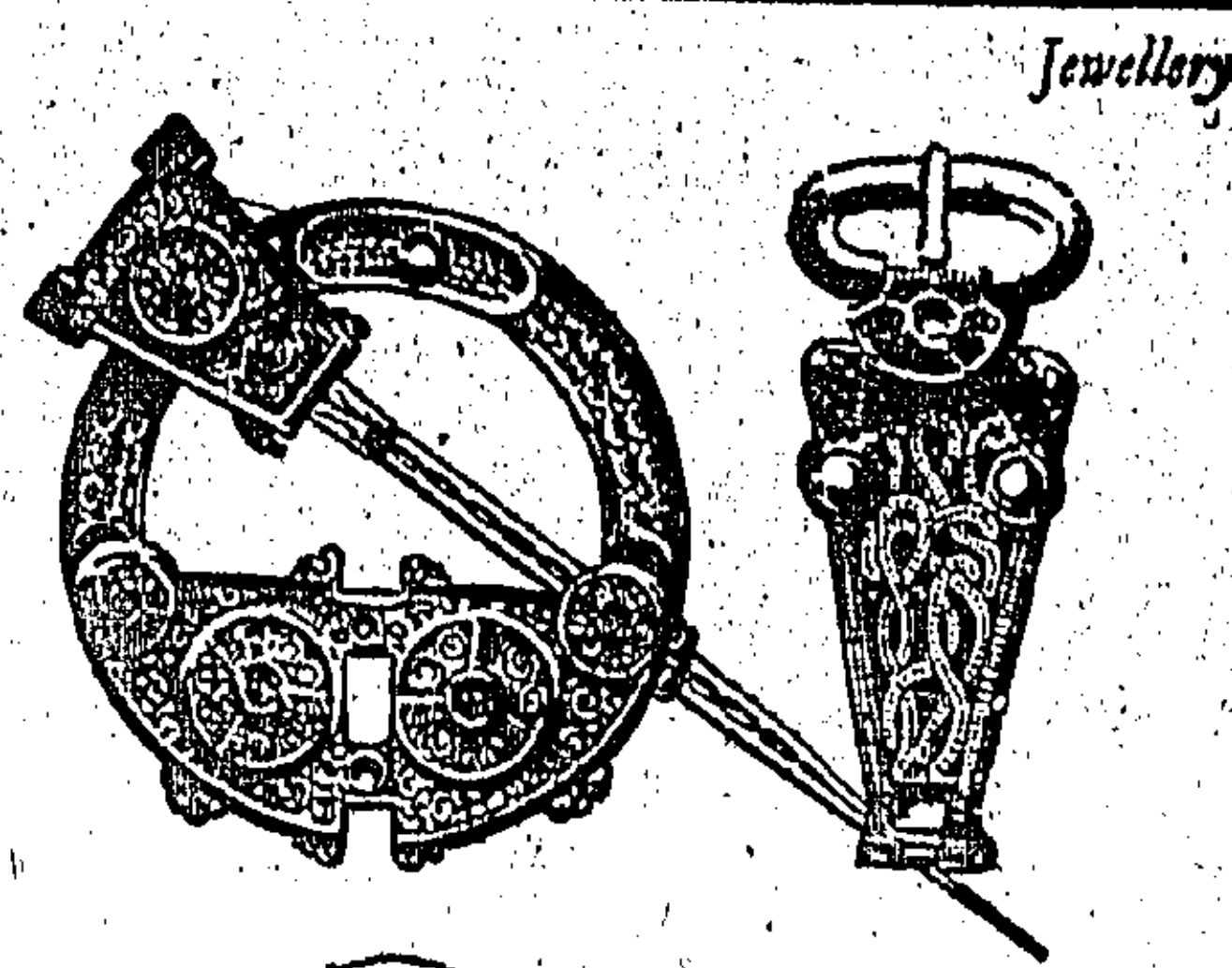
"Large portions of the wood-work appear to be rotting, and re-gliding has been an urgent necessity for many years. We need at least £3,000 to carry out these repairs."

"The organ also badly needs an overhaul, which will cost about £2,000. Altogether we require £10,000 to save the church and bells."

"St. Mary-le-Bow serves five parishes, which, according to the last census, have a population of only 100 people. But well over 100,000 people work in the parishes, and I am hoping that they will take a special interest in our needs."

It is claimed that St. Mary-le-Bow is the oldest church in London, because there is definite evidence that it was established on the site of a basilica which was the Roman court house in the first century.

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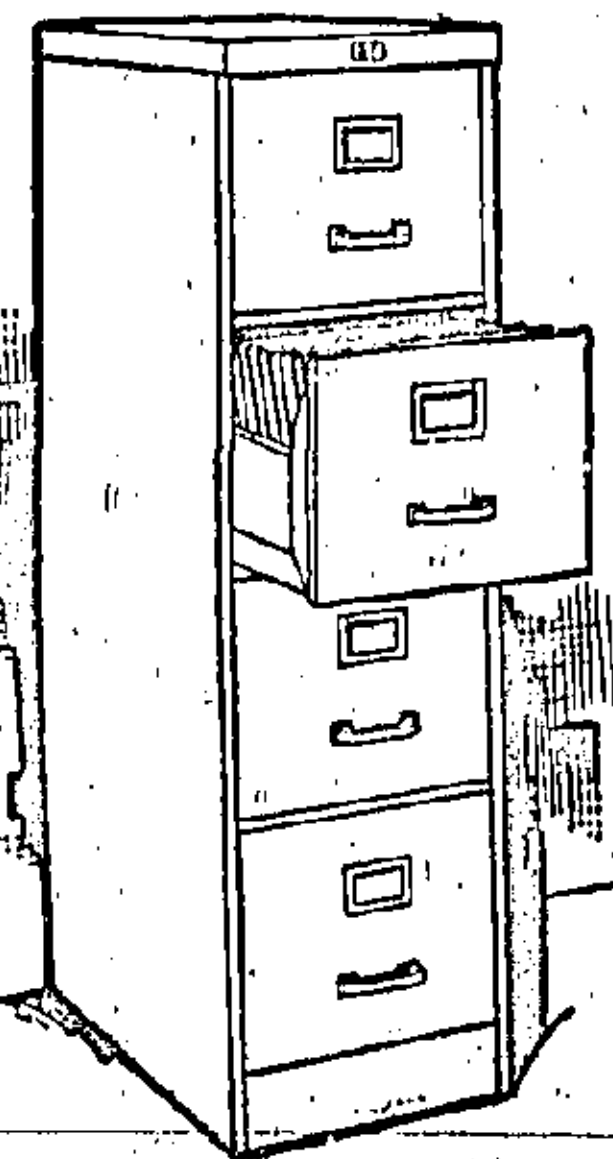
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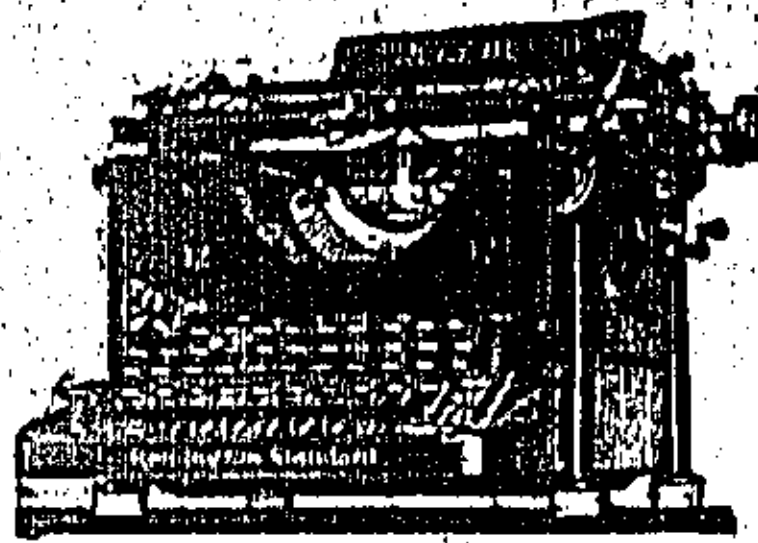


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DEATH

GOMES.—On February 18, 1927, at No. 6, Austin Avenue, Kowloon, Telinda Remedios Gomes, the dearly beloved wife of Francisco T. Gomes, aged 66 years. Deeply regretted. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-morrow (February 19). Macao and Shanghai papers please copy.

The Hongkong Telegraph

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1927.

OUR HEALTH PROBLEM.

It was obviously in no censorious spirit, but merely with a desire to state the facts, that His Excellency the Governor, in his address to members of the local branch of the British Medical Association on Wednesday, drew attention to the difficulties with which Hongkong is faced because it is adjacent to a huge Province in which the scantiest heed is paid to sanitary laws. His Excellency enabled his hearers to visualise the position very clearly when he pointed out that this Province, which has a population larger than that of the whole of Italy, is only a few miles distant from Hongkong, between which and it there is a daily ebb and flow of thousands of Chinese. It was no exaggeration of the actualities when it was stated that even in Canton the problems of sanitation and public health receive only the most perfunctory attention, whilst in Kwangtung Province generally these matters are utterly neglected. It is this circumstance, as His Excellency indicated, which creates a problem of the utmost magnitude and difficulty for Hongkong.

It is this all-important factor which should be kept well in mind by those who find cause to criticise health conditions in this Colony. There are, of course, special problems of our own which need constant vigilance, regarding which, however, there is ample evidence that the authorities are alert to the dangers inherent therein. Time was, in the early days of the Colony, when Hongkong was a far less healthy spot than it is to-day, and when we take account of the tremendous growth of the population in the interim, this fact provides eloquent testimony to what has been accomplished in the face of almost insuperable difficulties. Indeed, Hongkong can justly claim to be one of the cleanest and healthiest places in the whole of

the Far East. That position has not been created excepting by steady perseverance and a determination to wage daily war with dirt and disease. Very little thought is, we fear, given to the splendid work which is done, year in and year out, in a quiet and unobtrusive manner, by our sanitary and health services. Drainage works, regular campaigns of house-cleaning, food inspection and a thousand and one other aspects of health activity are always being undertaken, with the result that the great mass of the population lives under conditions which, undesirable as they may be to some, are a millionfold better than the Chinese in similar walks of life would have to contend with in their own country.

It is true that, gratifying as these comparisons are, there is still room for improvement in the standard of public health in Hongkong. But, as His Excellency the Governor stated, the authorities are fully alive to the needs of the present and the future. The Chinese community can do much to assist the Government in its efforts to keep disease down to the lowest limits, whilst the growing interest which Chinese youths are showing in outdoor sport, and the care which is being shown for the health of the Colony's schoolchildren, are factors which must in the long run yield beneficial results.

Rights of Protection.

It is just as well that Sir Austen Chamberlain has made it clear in the House of Commons, in reply to the newly-elected Socialist Member, Mr. Oswald Mosley, that Britain's right to protect the lives of her nationals abroad has nothing whatever to do with any Anglo-Chinese treaty provisions, because there seems to be a great deal of doubt at home regarding the legality of Britain's action. Obviously, every nation has the right to send succour to any of its sons or daughters whose lives are placed in jeopardy by mob or military actions in a country where the Government or ruling authorities are unable or unwilling to supply proper protection. That right is indisputable. It is even now being exercised by the United States of America in the case of Nicaragua where, owing to a civil war and the breakdown of ordinary law and order, American lives and property have been placed in danger. There could be no defence or excuse for the landing of troops if the lives and rightful interests of foreigners were adequately protected, but where, as in the case of China, there is no acceptable guarantee either of the willingness or the ability of the authorities to prevent anti-foreign outrages by incited mobs, there is a clear and fundamental right for the affected countries to supply their own protection. We should have thought that that much would have been beyond the realm of doubt or argument, but Mr. Mosley has seen fit to ask a question on the matter and we sincerely hope that the answer will serve to disabuse his mind and the minds of all others of his party of any idea that Britain is committing a wrongful act in protecting her own. The wrongful act would be if the British authorities failed to afford that protection. Fortunately, the duties of the Government have been fully realised and the Shanghai Defence Force is the result—a result which has had a valuable inspiring effect on British residents throughout the whole length and breadth of China.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Feb. 17.
Paris	124.70
Brussels	124.80
Amsterdam	124.70
Berlin	20.47
Copenhagen	18.19
Vienna	34.42 1/2
Helsingfors	102 1/2
Liabon	2.17 3/4
Rio	5 1/2
Bombay	170 1/2
Hongkong	115 1/2
New York	115 1/2
Geneva	25.20
Milan	122 1/2
Stockholm	18.17
Oslo	18.86
Prague	109 1/2
Madrid	29.02
Athens	47 1/2
Buenos Aires	2 1/2
Shanghai	210 1/2
Yokohama	210 1/2
Silver (spot)	26 1/2
Silver (forward)	26 1/2

DAY BY DAY.

LEARN MODESTY FROM THE CLOCK. IT KEEPS ITS HANDS BEFORE ITS FACE AND RUNS DOWN ITS OWN WORKS.—Mollere.

Kowloon Cricket Club are holding a dance at the Savoy Hotel to-night.

The Empress of Asia, which left Yokohama yesterday at 5 p.m., is due at Hongkong on the 24th inst.

A Reuter message announces that H. M. S. Renown with the Duke and Duchess of York has arrived at Suva, Fiji Islands.

A Chinese dentist has reported that someone broke into his room at 145, Queen's Road Central, and stole money and jewellery to the value of \$655.

Amongst the passengers who arrived from Shanghai by the P. and O. liner Kaylan were Mr. A. Stevenson, Mr. B. Bradbury and Mr. F. Marshall.

Mr. Lam Yat-man has resigned from office as Commissioner of Public Works, Canton, and has been replaced by Mr. H. Panhoe, formerly "Commissioner of Public Health."

Yesterday's health return shows three further cases of typhoid (two imported Indian cases and one Japanese), two of small-pox (both Chinese) and one of diphtheria (British).

The body of a Chinese, who was found hanging on the stairway between the first and second floor of No. 2, Western Street, has been removed to the Mortuary. It is thought to be a case of suicide.

The many friends of Mr. G. P. Curry, formerly Secretary of the Hongkong and China Gas Company, will learn with regret of his serious illness at his home in Exeter. At the time of writing the doctor in attendance stated that Mr. Curry's condition was grave.

Gaining entrance to 511, Shanghai Street, Kowloon, by breaking a door open, a robber stole a small iron safe. The safe was later found in the street near the house from which it was taken. It was not opened and it is believed that the thief found it too heavy to carry away.

Much sympathy will be felt with Mr. F. T. Gomes, of the Kowloon Dock, on the death of his wife. The deceased lady, who was 66 years of age, was well-known and highly respected. She had only been ill for about two months. Her brother, the late Mr. R. J. Remedios, of the Mercantile Bank, passed away a few weeks ago.

Yesterday six men were admitted to a house at No. 12, Au Pui Long, Hungshom, when they asked to see the master. When they had entered, they seized the inmates, but one shouted "Robbers!" and the other blew a police whistle. The men ran away but one was arrested in the street by an Indian constable. Five other men have since been detained at Yau-mat Police Station.

AFTER 44 YEARS.

OLD RESIDENT LEAVES FOR HOME.

The very best wishes of a large circle of friends will go out to Mr. D. McNeill, who is leaving for Home by the P. and O. s.s. Kalyan.

Mr. McNeill is one of Hongkong's oldest foreign residents, first coming here in 1883, when he was an engineer in the P. and O. Company. Later, he joined Messrs. Butterfield and Swire and after several years aloft he was appointed an engineer at the Taikoo sugar works. This was in 1894. For 27 years, Mr. McNeill worked at Taikoo, retiring in 1921, when he went home for many well-deserved vacations. But Mr. McNeill valued that his interests in Hongkong were too strong for him and he returned in 1922, since when he has lived intermittently at Shanghai and Hongkong. He is now passing through Hongkong from Shanghai on his way home for good, and will take with him many good wishes for happiness and long life.

Mr. McNeill, affectionately known as "Father," has enjoyed much popularity on account of his cheery, smiling personality and has been a well-known figure in local bowling circles. He was a keen member of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and has, latterly, played bowls in Shanghai.

KOWLOON WEDDING.

PETHERICK—HAST.

A pretty wedding took place at St. Andrew's Church Kowloon, this afternoon, the contracting parties being Mr. Vivian Petherick, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Petherick, of Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset, and Miss Gladys Lillian Mary Hast, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hast, of 6, Cox's Path, Kowloon. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. G. R. Lindsay, whilst Mr. Rupert Baldwin was at the organ.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white satin charmeuse, with overdress of white georgette, embroidered and beaded with silver beads, as well as a train of white satin and beaded georgette, elusive veil and coronet of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of white roses and sweet peas.

Attending the bride were Miss Annie Tolan and Miss Patricia Parker, whose dresses were of pale pink satin and georgette, trimmed with silver lace. They also wore silver shoes and wreaths of silver leaves, whilst their bouquets were of pale pink sweet peas.

The bride's mother wore a dress of wine shaded georgette, with steel beads over grey satin and hat and shoes to match.

The duties of "best man" were carried out by Mr. F. G. Samways. After the wedding, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, at which Mr. and Mrs. Petherick were the recipients of many congratulations. Later, the happy couple left for Repulse Bay, the bride's going-away dress being a pale grey sateen ensemble, trimmed with Princess Mary blue, with hat and shoes to match. Mr. and Mrs. Petherick leave for England by the s.s. Kaylan to-morrow.

SILVER OUTLOOK.

EFFECT OF CHINA CRISIS.

Messrs. S. Montagu and Co., in their silver report dated January 19th, state:

The market is still dominated by the situation in China. Banking facilities in Hankow continue paralysed, and control by the Chinese authorities of the public attitude toward foreigners is as yet ineffective in the areas of disturbance. Silver meanwhile is a speculative counter, and, though some reactions have taken place, the tendency has been for it to cling precariously to what are generally considered higher quotations than the statistical position warrants.

When, with a restoration of security, the great Eastern banks are enabled to release funds, and this country is in a position to negotiate in that friendly, spirit toward the Chinese nation as a whole, which has always animated the British people, silver prices will again find their natural level. The substantial absorption of silver by India during the last year or so can well be understood in view of the remarkable statistics detailed in our annual letter for 1926 which indicate the great advance in the prosperity of that Empire. Whether such a demand for silver will be maintained when a gold bullion standard becomes effective, and hoarding in precious metal is discouraged and investment in interest bearing securities encouraged instead by the Government, has yet to be seen.

"BROWN OF HARVARD."

BRIGHT PICTURE AT THE QUEEN'S.

"Brown of Harvard," a Metro-Goldwyn production, figures as the main attraction in the Queen's Theatre programme. As its title implies, it is a story centring on University life in America, and for that reason it is intensely interesting. Special features of the film are some thrilling scenes in the Harvard-Yale football match and boat race, which are splendidly portrayed.

Besides an insight into the lighter aspects of University life, there is a romance woven into the tale; and, of course, everything ends happily in this respect. The leading parts are taken by Jack Pickford, William Haines, Mary Brian and Francis X. Bushman, junr., all of whom fill their roles with marked ability.

Other features of the programme are a Gaumont news reel and a Buster Brown comedy which illustrates the uncanny cleverness of Tige, the well-known cinema dog.

The Very Idea!

Bank and Treasury notes are inclined to become, in hard times, memorials of optimism, writes a correspondent. Here are some of the inscriptions on notes now in circulation:—

"Gone but not forgotten."
"God send you back to me."
"Come back to me and bring a pal with you."
"Au revoir, but not goodbye."

He told the shy maid of his love,
The colour left her cheeks;
But on the shoulder of his coat
It showed for several weeks.

Bogoljuboff has been deprived of his title of chess champion of Russia on grounds of political difference. It is understood that he demurred to the Moscow scheme for a revision of the game on proletarian lines, including the abolition of Kings, Queens, Knights, and Bishops.

Police at Lambeth: It was three-quarters of an hour by my watch. Defendant: Your watch must go on wheels.

Elderly woman to a Kent Bench. Her language, my dears, would have made a sergeant-major swoon.

Nottinghamshire motorist: If the policeman says the wheel marks were mine they must be.

A verdict of "Death by misadventure" was recorded at a South-west inquest on John Edward Morris, aged forty-eight, of Neptune street, Rotherhithe, who died in Guy's Hospital, after he swallowed a needle, which became embedded in his vocal chord.

The use of the knife is only excusable in the more dire emergency for the protection of one's life.—Sir Ernest Wild, K.C.

The mere suggestion of an increase in income-tax would do more to retard the present trade revival than anything else.—Mr. Gilbert G. Vyle.

She was one of those women who wanted to see everything in the shop, without regard to the trouble she caused or the time she wasted. She was looking for socks, and the obliging salesman had turned out the contents of every box and drawer he had in the shop.

"There, madam," observed the salesman, regarding the mass of gaily-coloured hosiery, "you have our entire stock."

"Is that all you have?" asked the woman in disappointed tones.

"Yes, madam," he answered, and added, thoughtfully, "except the pair I have on, of course."

Divorced because they are unable to get along together, numerous Moscow couples find themselves unable to live apart on account of the acute shortage of rooms in the city. There are many cases in which married couples squabbled and fought until in desperation they procured a divorce, only to discover that it was impossible for them to separate. In spite of their divorce, these find it necessary to continue living together in a single room. Not infrequently, the result is an ultimate reconciliation and remarriage. The housing crisis is at times one of Cupid's best assistants.

From an essay on St. Stephen, written by a schoolboy in a Surrey village school.

"We have heard that St. Stevin was the first to make the steam engines. He first made one Puffin Billy and many others. He kept on making them, and he made some better than all the others, and they are the ones which you see on the stations."

"Lay not this thing to their charge," he said when he was a dying of being stoned."

Little John was anxious to know the age of her aunt, so she asked her grandmother. "I really don't know," said her grandmother. "I'd have to look it up in the family Bible."

"Is auntie old enough to be in the Bible?" Joan gasped.

London.—For nearly 1,000 years Dunvegan Castle, in the Isle of Skye, was lighted by torch and lantern. Now it has been refitted with modern electric light. Dunvegan is said to be the oldest inhabited keep in Scotland, and is known as Macleod of Macleod. One of the castle's treasures is a drinking horn bearing the date 993.

SCENES IN COURT.

INTERRUPTIONS BY WOMAN
COMPLAINANT.

SEQUEL TO SHIP'S VISIT.

Continuous remarks made by the complainant throughout the case called forth a protest from Mr. H. J. Armstrong, when after a request to cease her trade did not produce any effect, he informed the Magistrate this morning that her remarks were contempt of the Court, and requested her removal if she "could not behave herself."

Mr. Schofield's Court at the Central Magistracy was crowded, when the case, in which a charge of assault was brought by Sybil Joseph, whose address was not given, against Mr. A. M. Scott, of the s.s. Haiching. After saying that she was "one of God's children" and that they could send her to the Asylum if she was insane the complainant declared that she had been a mother to the defendant, and, between sobs, said that he had no right to knock her about. Although Mr. Armstrong registered a legal objection to certain letters being handed to the Magistrate, the complainant insisted that the Magistrate see them. She later declared: "I will have this man up for breach of promise, because I have got witnesses."

Mr. H. J. Armstrong appeared for the defendant, and the complainant was represented by Mr. G. R. Haywood.

Complainant's Case.

In outlining the circumstances, Mr. Haywood said it was a simple case of assault, but, before he explained the facts, he was sure his Worship would eliminate from his mind anything he might know about either party, with regard to their reputation or anything like that, and judge the case on its merits.

The complainant had been intimate with the defendant for the past twelve years, according to his (Mr. Haywood's) instructions, and on the date on which the assault took place on the Haiching, the complainant went on board, and entered his cabin, where she found that her place had been taken by another. The defendant forcibly ejected her from the cabin with more force than was necessary, according to the complainant. Her wrist watch was broken, and she sustained several injuries. He had a doctor's certificate which bore out that statement. He would call the complainant to give evidence.

At this point Mr. Armstrong rose and said it was a petty case of common assault, and the defendant had instructed him to plead "guilty" to a technical offence.

The Ejection.

On the night in question, said Mr. Armstrong, complainant went on board the Haiching when the defendant was in his cabin, at about nine o'clock, and, without any warning or reason, flung open the door and, walked in, and refused to leave. Mr. Scott ejected her, using no more force than was necessary, but, unfortunately for the complainant, she stuck her foot in the door, and no doubt the bruises she alleged she received were due to her own fault. She had attempted to board the vessel on many occasions and had been definitely forbidden to go on board. In spite of that, she unfortunately slipped past the guard and committed a trespass in the defendant's cabin.

Under those circumstances, if his Worship thought the facts warranted it, he asked for a dismissal of the case, or the imposing of a nominal fine in respect of the alleged assault. He had no desire to put the defendant in the witness box, or cause the complainant to do likewise.

Mr. Schofield to Mr. Haywood: "Apart from this medical examination, has your client been to a doctor about the matter for treatment?"

Complainant interrupted and replied, with tears, that she went to a Chinese doctor. "I still have one or two bruises on my foot. I did not put my foot in the doorway. He is telling a lie."

Mr. Haywood replied that she went to see Dr. Newton, and he gave her a certificate. If his Worship would like to hear the complainant herself as to what really happened in the cabin, she was entitled to be heard. He did

COLOMBO STRIKE.

GOVERNMENT HOLDING
ENQUIRY.

Colombo, Feb. 17.

A Government enquiry into the strike of harbour coolies is being completed within the present week. Five hundred men have resumed. —*Reuter.*

not know if she was satisfied with the suggestion put forward by Mr. Armstrong, with regard to the technical offence. It was very easy for him to plead guilty to a technical offence and not allow the complainant tell her story. It was a very nice way of getting out of a difficult situation. As far as he was personally concerned, he would be satisfied, but he did not know whether his client would be.

Pestered for Years.

Mr. Armstrong replied that Mr. Scott had been pestered by the complainant on numerous occasions during the past three years, and to ensure that such a thing would not occur again, he was prepared to bind himself over to keep the peace, if his Worship would make an order binding the complainant over; also. He thought that would be a good way out of the difficulty; also to register a conviction and fine the defendant if his Worship thought it was a technical offence.

Mr. Haywood:—How about costs?

Mr. Armstrong:—There are no costs in these proceedings.

Mr. Haywood:—There are.

Mr. Armstrong:—Well, my friend knows very well he cannot recover any costs. You can have \$5 if you like.

Waited 12 Years.

Here complainant interrupted with "This fellow promised to marry me, and I have been waiting for him for the last twelve years. I have done the best I could for him."

Mr. Armstrong continued that he would object to the admission of the doctor's certificate unless the doctor attended to give evidence, and he (Mr. Armstrong) was given an opportunity of cross-examining him.

His Worship asked whether the complainant was agreeable to the binding over of herself and the defendant, the expenses to be paid by the latter.

Mr. Haywood replied that it was the defendant's duty to call official help to turn her out of his cabin, such as a policeman, or some body like that, especially as the complainant was a woman.

The complainant interrupted saying that she had the right to order the other woman out, after she had waited for the defendant for twelve years. He had no right to assault her.

Mr. Armstrong rose and announced, after the complainant had declared that she would sue the defendant for breach of promise, that entirely without prejudice, his client would offer \$100 for the doctor's expenses.

Not For \$500.

The complainant, interjecting, asserted that she would not accept \$500, "make \$10," and would make him pay the \$1,000 which she claimed.

Mr. Haywood, after asking her to be quiet, told her she would have to claim that in the Supreme Court if she wanted to.

Complainant declared that she was never beaten black and blue when a child, but she was beaten in the asylum.

The complainant then insisted that Mr. Haywood hand certain letters to the Magistrate, to which Mr. Armstrong objected, on the grounds that his client had not had an opportunity of seeing them, and, if necessary, objecting. Mr. Haywood remarked that there appeared to be only one material letter. He suggested that the complainant wanted the Magistrate to see them so that he could see the relations between them, and why she went on board.

Mr. Armstrong again rose to object, and the complainant turned on him and asked him what right he had to object.

Mr. Armstrong (to his Worship):—You might ask the complainant to cease her trade.

Mr. Haywood remarked that it was just as well that the proceedings had been brought, as they would probably stop further trouble. "It would have come sooner or later."

SEAMEN'S CASE.

(Continued from page 1.)

might to kill innocent people. Mr. Lindsell:—That does not refer to the case very much. Witness:—I want to show that we criticise everybody.

Mr. Lindsell:—There is no need to elaborate that point. I am satisfied that you criticised someone else.

Questioned by Mr. King, witness said he lived in Hongkong, and joined the Union in Hongkong. He had lived here for seven or eight years. The third defendant joined in Shanghai and, to the best of his knowledge, had not been in the Colony before. Both the other two men joined in Hongkong. The Union had a little more than 10,000 members in Hongkong.

The third defendant said he offered to go to the Police Station himself to prove his innocence, and declared that the branch of the Union here was not anti-British.

Mr. King submitted that the men were sent to Hongkong, partly to recruit new members, but the chief reason was to carry on anti-British agitation among the seamen.

Difficult Case.

Mr. Lindsell said it was a difficult case, as it was not clear that the defendants were seditious-mongers in the ordinary sense. It was not certain that they had anti-British feeling. They might have been carrying on their ordinary duties as skilled officials. Probably the first and second defendants were not aware of the extent of their guilt, but every man must be assumed to be responsible for his own actions. There had undoubtedly been a breach of the law. In the case of the first and second defendants, it appeared they were uneducated, or only partly educated, and therefore he would bind them over. No. 3 was educated and the principal of the three, and he admitted that he had read the article. The distribution of that sort of article might be tolerated elsewhere, but not in a British Colony. The third man would be sent to prison for three months with hard labour, without the option of a fine.



Some men never compliment their wives because they never get a chance to talk.

His Worship announced that he had decided to bind both parties over in a personal bond of \$100 to keep the peace for one year.

Another Interruption.

Complainant demanded what law there was in a British Colony to make people's bodies black and blue. She then shouted "I don't want binding. Send me to the Asylum if I am insane. I am one of God's children."

His Worship reproved her for making such remarks, after which Mr. Haywood said, with due respect, he did not think his Worship could bind both parties over on the one summons.

Mr. Armstrong, describing the remark as a "quibble," said if that was so it would only mean him issuing a further summons, asking his Worship to bind the complainant over.

His Worship remarked that it was the problem of the Court to prevent further scenes.

Mr. Haywood:—That is so, your Worship.

The complainant then started to make further odious remarks to the defendant, and Mr. Armstrong, speaking to Mr. Schofield, said:—"These remarks are contempt of this Court, and I ask you to have the complainant removed unless she can behave herself."

Complainant with a loud "Good morning, Sir," then walked out of Court.

MUDFORD MEANDERS.

BRIGHT AND BREEZY
COUNCIL MEETING.

The Visitors' Gallery was full to overflowing at last night's meeting of the Mudford Town Council, and, carefully steering clear of the issues before them, the Councillors introduced a bright spirit into the Council Chamber, which augurs well for the future.

His Worship the Mayor (the Rev. Horace Johnston) who kept the unruly element in control as well as he was able, entered the Council in full regalia, preceded by the Chief Constable who was made-bearer for the occasion.

The Council quickly settled down to ordinary routine, being careful to refer matters back when in doubt.

The Councillors present were: Murray, T. J. Price, Cole, Howell and Keates (alias Grenham) (Progressives); E. R. Price, Mrs. Sapsed and Lt. Col. Walker (Moderates); Dand, Bolas, Munn and Long (Socialists). Mr. T. V. Harmon was Town Clerk.

Councillors Introduced.

Councillors, Fred Munn, Joe Long, and W. L. Walker, the successful candidates, were introduced to the Council, at the outset.

Councillor Munn:—We'll show them what we've come for.

Councillor the "Rev." Howell:—Dear, dear, and to think I christened little Freddy.

Councillor Murray (Prog.) got down to serious business at once. The Progressives still thought the pier was essential but in view of the election, the matter might be referred to a Committee. He proposed the names of Messrs. Cole, Price, Howell and Murray.

Councillor Munn:—Do you think you're going to get away with that. We don't want no pier. It would be no more use than the House of Peers and they seldom appear. You better put me on the Committee; I stop the pier.

Councillor Walker:—The Progressives paid no heed to us at the elections. They twitted us.

Councillor Bolas (Lab.):—Twit twit.

Colonel Walker:—They twitted, us, the Moderates, with a wait and see policy. If I know anything of committees they'll discuss this matter for a year and then do nothing. The Moderates....our Policy.

Councillor Keates (alias Grenham):—I hope the Council is quite clear on this point. Mr. Walker has been asking for a seat on the committee.

Council (en-bloc) Ah!

This brought the matter to an end, the Committee being formed with all parties represented.

Pumphouse Palaver.

Councillor E. J. Price (Prog.) urged the immediate construction of a pumphouse at a cost of £30,000. He pointed out that the Mudford water possessed the wonderful quality of efficiency both in internal and external application. He had had valuable advice from the Socialists where the drinking part of the business was concerned, but in the washing line they were a little at sea. They knew little of the subject.

Councillor Long:—Ma, he's making eyes at me.

Some bright repartee on brotherly love went on by Councillor E. R. Price (Mod.) and Councillor Price (Prog.) with interjections by Councillor Munn (Soc.) and the Council considered that the pumphouse was too provoking for the occasion and sent the report back for further consideration.

Councillor Keates (alias Grenham) reported that Mrs. Councillor Sapsed had pointed out that the licensing laws did not allow of much further Council Meeting. He did not wish therefore to read the Whitehall correspondence in connection with the Municipal Garage and parking plot. The appendix to Volume 3, however, made it clear that the Government were prepared to loan the Council £4,000 for the purpose, provided the work was done by Mudford's unemployed.

Councillor Bolas:—At good wages, and short hours?

Councillor Keates:—Surely.

Mr. Bolas:—Well, I beg to second.

Motion Carried.

The Socialists sided with the Progressives and the motion was carried.

Councillor the "Rev." Howell (in his best Vivian Foster style) urged the appointment of Dr. Pillsand-Jollope (not forgetting the hyphen)

PACIFIC COAST FLOODS.

MANY LIVES LOST.

San Francisco, Feb. 17. The heaviest rains on record have occurred during the past five days and has rendered the situation on the Pacific coast desperate. Twenty-four lives were lost and a hundred ranchers in the Los Angeles district are fleeing to escape the floods. Communications with San Diego have been cut off and trains are blocked by swollen rivers. —*Reuter's American Service.*

as M.O.H. at a salary of £2,000 per annum.

Councillor Munn:—We don't want to buy him.

The "Rev." Howell:—Sir, we interviewed many people, and I was most impressed with Mr. Pillsand-Jollope. We could not ask him to come under £2,000. He said so himself. The Committee did their work very thoroughly. A lady doctor we interviewed proved so demoralising to the Committee that I thought it better to interview her myself. She was very nice.

Dand Out Of Order.

Councillor Dand violently opposed the appointment. He pointed out that Council Howell and Mr. Pillsand-Jollope were members of the Dart Club.

His Worship the Mayor:—You are out of order.

Councillor Dand:—If I am out of order, I shan't go to that quack. Mrs. Councillor Sapsed also expressed displeasure, more particularly at Councillor the "Rev." Howell, who had made rude remarks about her children.

The Council grew more uproarious and finally the motion was defeated by seven votes to five.

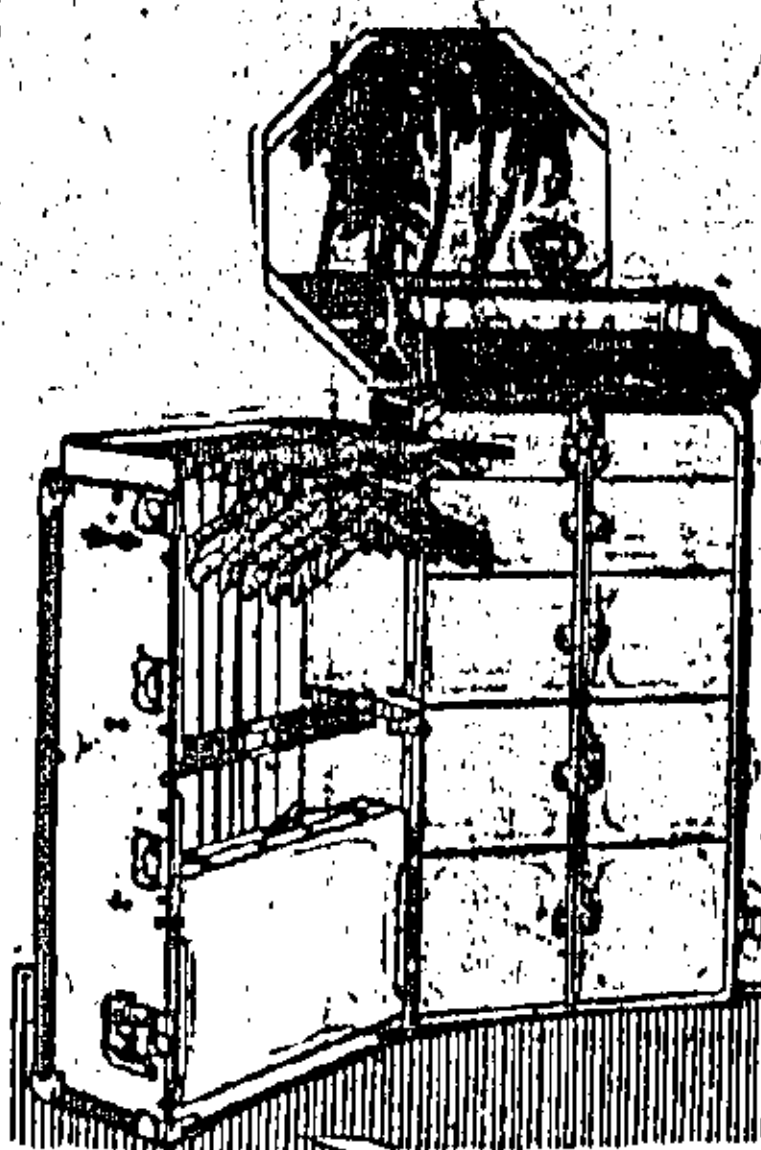
Councillor Munn asked the Chief Constable why the number of arrests had decreased. In the period under review there had been only two murders, no accidents (fatal or otherwise) and only seventy intoxicants (imported). In the same period last year there were seven murders, two accidents (fatal or otherwise). Both of them and seventy-one misdemeanours. The police were failing in their duty to give up Mudford's reputation.

The Chief Constable (Mr. Sewell) replied at length.

At the conclusion, Mr. W. S. Bailey, of the Kowloon Residents' Association, said he had listened with considerable pleasure to the meeting. He had just come from Home where he had heard the speeches of extremists and Conservatives and even the most experienced speakers were little better than those of the Y.M.C.A.

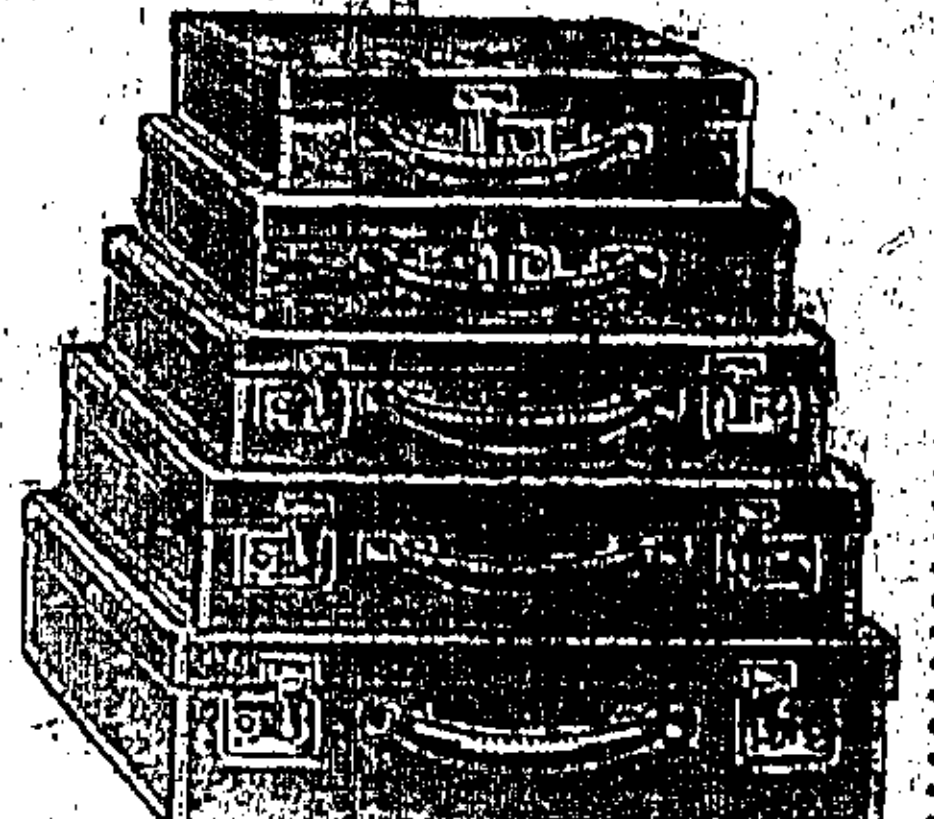
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FRANCE'S FUTURE

HER MONEY AND DEBTS.

The following important statement was recently contributed to the *Daily Chronicle* by M. Joseph Caillaux, a former Prime Minister of France:—

It is always difficult to speak of the future; but more particularly difficult is it to answer the question which is put to me concerning the financial future of France.

Between the manner in which I visualise it and that in which I am sometimes obliged to forecast it there is often some difference. And so, do not expect from me a comprehensive prophetic picture. I can only express a few reflections inspired by the present situation and its possible consequences.

The first task incumbent upon the French Minister of Finance in these latter days was to put the Budget on a really stable basis.

I must be forgiven for recalling that when I became Finance Minister at the end of April, 1925, I had already warned the country against the danger of the then existing deficit of several milliard francs.

Is The Budget "Balanced?" My frankness laid me open to very fierce attack; but I do not think that it has been fruitless.

It has enabled my successors to obtain more easily the vote for new taxes.

I even confess that, in August last, I thought that M. Poincare was going a little too far in the direction of "new taxes."

But that is only a detail, for it is always easy to reduce taxation when the stability of the Budget is practically assured.

Is it so to-day?

Estimates presented by the Government show an exact balance between expenditure and revenue.

But I shall be telling nothing new to anybody by saying that Budget balances are always problematical, until the full year's experience has been revealed.

In order that this practical test of the Government's projects may be successful several economic and monetary conditions must be fulfilled:

Fears for 1927.

I have always considered that monetary stability was most essential; and its achievement has, in my view, been closely associated with the problem of balancing the Budget; stabilisation ought to follow and consolidate Budget equilibrium.

In order that the most stable Budget should not be upset during the financial year, it is essential that the money to be used by the State and the country during its term should be nearly as possible approximate to the Budgetary calculations and forecasts.

It does not appear that this condition will be fulfilled in 1927.

To appreciate the preponderating influence exercised by the fluctuating exchanges on the financial position of France, one need only recall that before the war the annual expenses of the State amounted to a little more than five milliard gold francs [5,000,000,000 gold francs, about £200,000,000].

When the Franc fluctuates. The Budget of 1927 amounts to

40 milliard (40,000,000,000) paper francs.

When the Budget calculations were framed, the value of the pound sterling was about 160 francs and the 40 milliard francs represented a little over six milliard gold francs.

At the rate of 120 francs to the pound sterling the Budget of 1927 is equivalent to more than eight milliard gold francs, which represents an increase of 60 per cent. on the pre-war total.

The instability of the currency constantly changes the complexion of the financial situation of France.

In October the internal debt amounted to 47 milliard francs.

In December it was more than 62 milliards.

If revalorisation was pushed to the extreme limit, and the paper franc became equal to the gold franc, it would then equal 800 milliards, or, say, 12 milliard pounds sterling (£12,000,000,000). Ten times more than the French debt before the war!

Need for a Fixed Franc.

To appreciate these figures at their true value, one can only admit that the interests of France and her people lay, and still lie, in a stabilisation which would enable an end to be put to currency fluctuations, and would make it possible to fix expenditure at a figure which will cover all possibilities.

I know as well as anybody how disturbing to the French people is the idea that the value of the franc might be definitely brought back to 15 or 20 centimes.

[The franc is at about 20 centimes now, but is not, of course, definitely stabilised.]

There is not a family in France which has not entrusted to the State a considerable portion of its patrimony; and from their point of view stabilisation as near as possible to par would appear desirable.

But hard economic and financial facts prohibit the realisation of this ideal.

France is faced with the imperative necessity of reducing the internal debt, and this will be done either by stabilising the currency at a rate which would make the debt a tolerable burden, or by forced conversion which will mean that Rente holders will receive less than the State originally contracted to pay them.

For some creditors of the State the two solutions produce the same effect; for the nation as a whole they do not.

Revalorisation, of the franc immediately increases the incidence of taxation, raises the price of money, causes a slackening in business, and an economic crisis, and of this we can already see the first symptoms.

As, however, we do not know yet which method the French Government has chosen, it is difficult to foresee what will happen.

Debts to Other Nations.

Another element of uncertainty with regard to the future of French finances is provided by the problem of international debts.

I have said often, and I can only repeat, that transfers of wealth

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from nation to nation cause complex problems, and can only end in creating a situation as disadvantageous for the creditors as for the debtors.

Some day, I believe, these international debts will be wiped off the slate.

But in the meantime the financial situation of France will continue to be affected by the payments she will have to make.

Their repercussion on the national wealth will vary according to the compensation that we shall be able to obtain from the Dawes Plan.

I cannot altogether overcome the anxiety which I feel regarding the balance of the (international) payments in the years which lie ahead.

Before the war France was clearly in an advantageous position in this respect.

Though the merchandise trade balance was slightly adverse, the real balance was largely re-established in its favour not only by the expenditure in France of foreign tourists but above all by

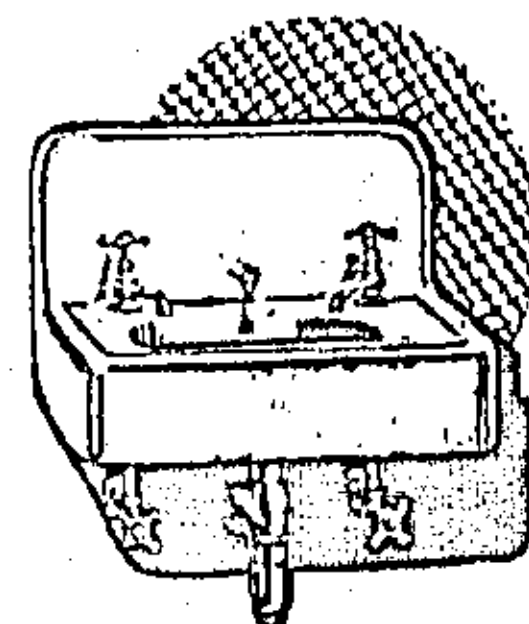
the interest on the 50 milliard gold francs invested in foreign countries.

The war has almost completely taken away that source of income, and it is almost certain that the balance of payments is, at the present moment, unfavourable to us.

I say "at the present moment" because I have the most absolute confidence in the industrious character of our people and in the power of recovery of our country.

It learns quickly the lessons which difficulties teach; and so far from despairing I hope to see the impending crisis reduced to a minimum by wise stabilisation, followed by long credits, which will allow us not only to get through the period of monetary difficulty, but also to realise the incalculable unexploited resources which exist in France and in our Colonial Empire—resources the exploitation of which would enable the French nation to regain its former prosperity in the course of a few years.

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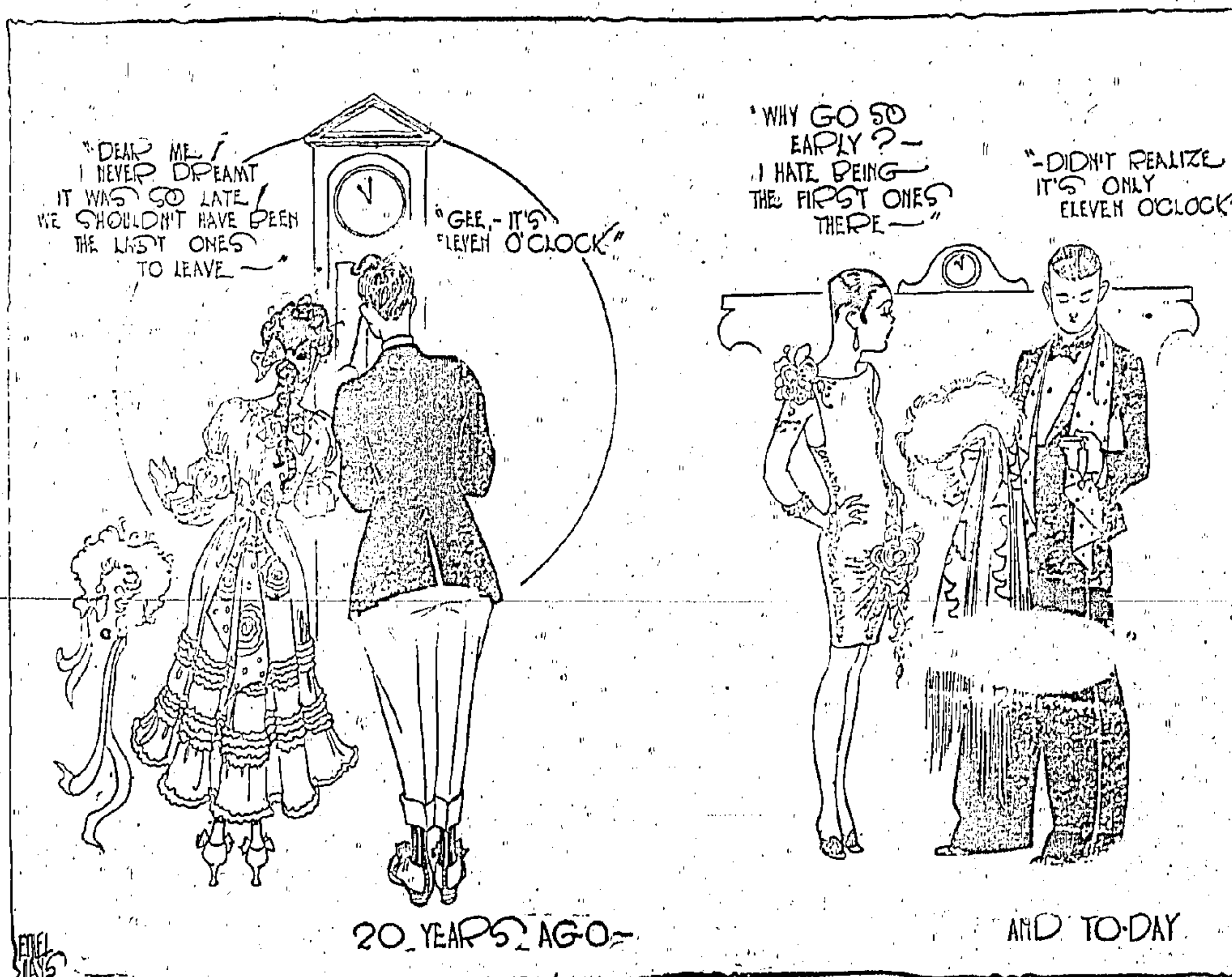


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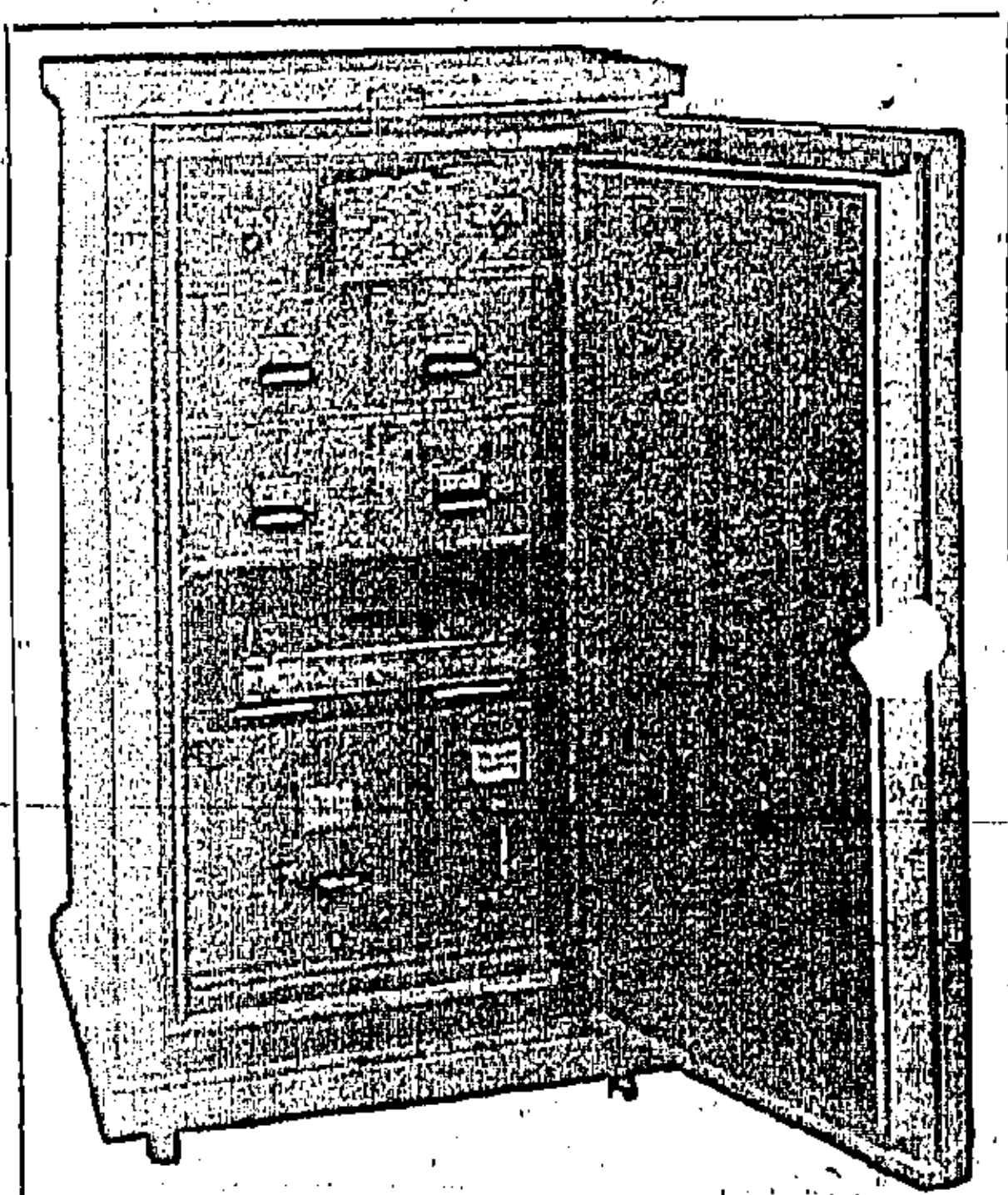
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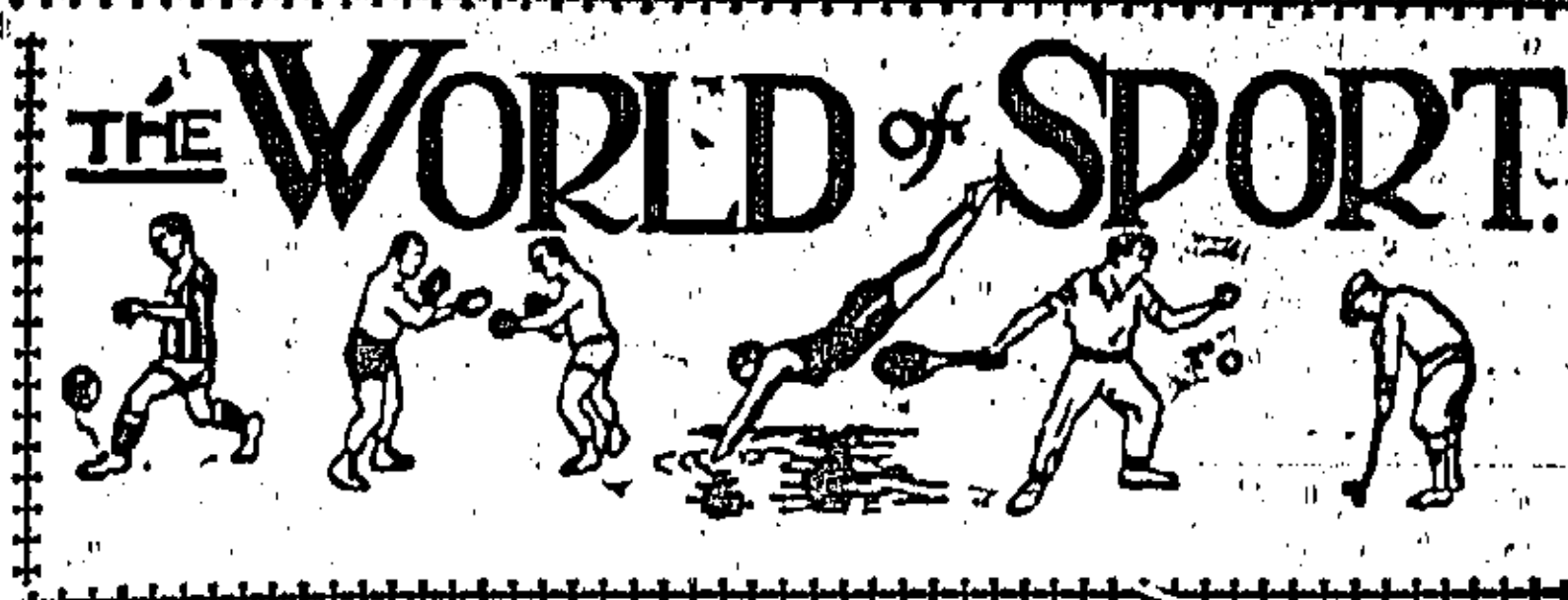
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THE SHIELD TIES.

HOLDERS AGAINST NEW LEAGUE CHAMPIONS.

TO-MORROW'S PROSPECTS.

[By "Wanderer."]

League warfare is temporarily suspended to-morrow for the more glamorous Shield struggles. The Senior draw worked out splendidly, the coupling proving remarkably even. The outstanding match is that between Kowloon (the holders) and the Club de Recreo (now league champions) on the Recreo ground, and the seating accommodation at King's Park will be heavily taxed.

The wet weather of the past few days is likely to have its effect on the performances of light teams, by which I mean that the Chinese Athletic, South China and Club de Recreo, who reply to an appreciable extent on speed of attack for success, will find the heavy going to their disadvantage.

It should be noted that in all Shield games to-morrow, extra time must be played in the event of a draw at the end of 70 minutes.

THE FIXTURE LIST.

The full fixture list, together with grounds, times of kick-off, and referees appointed, is appended:

SENIOR SHIELD.

First Round.

Recreo v. Kowloon.—Recreo, 4.15, Mr. Gilbert.
R.A. v. H.K.F.C. Club.—Sookunpoo, 4.15, Mr. Baldwin.
Chinese Ath. v. Police.—Club, 4.15, Capt. Austin.
K.O.S.B. v. South China.—Kowloon, 4.15, Mr. Phillips.

JUNIOR SHIELD.

First Round.

R.A. Res. v. Club Res.—Sookunpoo, 2.30, Mr. Cowan.
Recreo v. Chinese Ath. "A".—Recreo, 2.30, Mr. Mackey.
South China v. Chinese "B".—Club, 2.30, Mr. Lamb.

League, Div. II "A."

K.O.S.B. v. University.—Sookunpoo "B", 2.45, Mr. Gilmore.
St. Joseph's v. Kowloon.—St. Joseph's, 2.45, Mr. Samy.

THE TIT-BIT OF THE DRAW.

The visit of the Shield holders, Kowloon, to the Club de Recreo ground, is undoubtedly the tit-bit of the first round draw. Kowloon have reached the final of the Shield Competition in four successive seasons, while the Recreo have gone through four months of League warfare unscathed.

The two League matches between the teams have provided keenest duels, the Recreo have secured three points out of four, and scored four goals to three. Kowloon have not been defeated in a Shield match since the final of the 1924-25 season, and they visit the Recreo in a confident mood.

Unfortunately both sides have been depleted in one way or another recently, and it is unlikely that either will be in a position to muster its full strength. The choice of ground may have its influence on the result, but, whatever happens, neither side will concede the victory until the last kick, and it is only to be hoped that the best side is returned the conqueror.

Rejuvenated Police.

The Police have been going very strongly just recently, and good shield-fighters as they are, they will give the Chinese Athletic a warm time on the Club ground. The Police recently defeated the Chinese 2-0 in the league, and are confident of their ability to repeat. The Chinese forwards will need to change their tactics considerably, if they hope to penetrate the sterling defence of Wynne, Sherry and Clark.

Club Re-Arrangements.

The H.K.F.C. are making experiments for their tie with the Royal Artillery, Bishop leading the forwards, and Linaker taking up a position at right-half. The Royal Artillery are an extraordinarily difficult side to beat just now, though they have yet to get over their weakness in front of goal.

BIG BOXING.

WORLD'S TITLE MATCH ARRANGED.

London, Feb. 17.
Mr. C. B. Cochran, who is re-entering the lists as a boxing promoter, announces that he has fixed a match for the World's Middle-weight Championship, between Mickey Walker (holder) and Tommy Milligan, (the European Champion), probably in June or July. Interviewed by *Reuter*, Mr. Cochran said that the purse was substantial but not extravagant. The fight may be held in Scotland as he had had an attractive proposal from a Scottish syndicate. There was difficulty in getting a suitable building in London at that time. The Albert Hall was impossible because of the large number of proprietary seats from which the promoter did not derive any benefit.

There has not been a world's championship fight in Britain since Freddie Welsh (Wales) beat Willie Ritchie (California) in 1914.—*Reuter*.

Another World's Match?

It is also announced that La Barba, and Teddy Baldock, who at the Albert Hall last night knocked out Young Johnny Brown in the third round, have signed up with an international sports syndicate and that it is hoped to stage a world's title match in London in June.—*Reuter*.

The game is likely to be strenuous for both teams, and the first goal should decide the issue.

Visiting Kowloon.

The Borderers and South China will be in opposition on the Kowloon ground. It has not proved a happy hunting ground for either side this season. After the recent rains the turf is likely to be heavy and the Borderers will start with a decided advantage over their opponents. The Borderers should win comfortably if McGlinchey and Alexander are in form.

The Junior Shield.

Only three matches are down for decision in the first round of the junior shield competition, the match of outstanding interest being that at the Recreo ground between the Recreo Reserves and the Chinese Athletic "A". The latter team have the best prospects of runners-up in the league competition, and they are expected to defeat their hosts. The R.A. Reserves should prove too strong for the Club Reserves, while there is little to choose between South China and the Chinese Athletic "B".

League Warfare.

The K.O.S.B. and the University are taking the opportunity of playing off their postponed fixture, and the Borderers Reserves may be expected to add two further points to their present tally. St. Joseph's and Kowloon will have a good game with the chances favouring the home side. The H.K. & S.B. were down to play the Moslem Club in the junior "B" division, but have conceded the points. The Moslem Club have now completed their fixtures and have tied with St. Joseph's at the head of affairs. A play-off will be necessary to decide the section championship.

PROBABLE TEAMS.

Kowloon: Durand; Wheeler, Cavellie; McKelvie (or Hedley), Sims, Baldwin; Hayes, May, Orr, Tiernan and Muir.
H.K.F.C.: Rodger; Wallington, Howard; Linaker, McBride, Railton; Taylor, Hamson, Bishop, Valentine and Alexander.
Club Res.: Slipper; Hill, Purves; Vickers, Lyon, Punccheon; Pile, Thompson, Campbell, White and Mitchell.
Kowloon Res.: Wood; Brown, Knight; Earl, Pasco and Nicholls; Fife, Vickers, Miles, Conates and Eastman.

LADIES' TENNIS "TEST MATCH"

BRITISH TEAM LOSE AT CAPE TOWN.

The first Test match between the British lady lawn tennis tourists and South Africa was held last month at Capetown under a hot and glaring sun. A large attendance of spectators included the Earl and Countess of Athlone.

Miss Joan Fry (Great Britain) beat Miss Heine, 1-6, 6-2, 6-3. Mrs. Peacock (South Africa) beat Mrs. Watson, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3. Miss E. H. Harvey and Mrs. McIlquham (Great Britain) beat Miss Heine and Mrs. Hall, 6-3, 1-6, 12-10.

Mrs. Peacock and Mrs. Macarthur (South Africa) beat Miss Saunders and Miss Dix, 6-4, 7-5. Mrs. Everitt (South Africa) beat Miss E. H. Harvey, 6-2, 0-6, 6-4.

Mrs. Watson beat Miss Heine (South Africa), 6-2, 7-5. Mrs. Peacock (South Africa) beat Miss Joan Fry, 3-6, 7-5, 6-0.

Miss Heine and Mrs. Hall (South Africa) beat Miss Saunders and Miss Dix 6-4, 6-2. Miss Harvey and Mrs. McIlquham beat Mrs. Peacock and Mrs. Macarthur (South Africa), 6-4, 6-3.

South Africa won by five matches to four.

FOOTBALL FORECASTS.

COMPETITOR GETS ELEVEN RIGHT.

A high percentage of correct results were forwarded by contestants in our Football Forecast Competition last week. One competitor got eleven correct results out of twelve, another ten and several nine. The winner, with eleven correct forecasts, is:

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Entries for this week's Competition must reach our office not later than noon to-morrow.

LUCKY NEWCASTLE.

CORINTHIANS LOSE LEAD NEAR END.

London, Jan. 29.
Sixty thousand saw Corinthians leading till fourteen minutes from time, in their fourth round cup match against Newcastle. Then MacDonald scored a lucky equaliser for Newcastle from a free-kick. MacDonald and McKay scored for Newcastle in the closing minutes. Ashton netted the Corinthians' goal.

Camsell scored all three goals for Middlesex. Thornhill (Chelsea) also did the hat-trick.
Over 50,000 saw Liverpool defeat Southport.
Crowds of more than 40,000 were present at Wolverhampton, West Ham and Leeds.

Southampton played a great game to beat Birmingham by four goals to one.

M.C.C. IN CEYLON.

INNINGS VICTORY IN TEST MATCH.

Calcutta, Feb. 9.
With only ten minutes to play, the M.C.C. defeated All Ceylon by an innings and 91 runs.
Following the tourists' score of 431 for eight, Ceylon were out for 105. As still was unplayable and took seven wickets for 18.
Ceylon followed on and made 285, including 61 by Walcott and 43 by Blair.
Tate took five wickets for 23 and Geary four for 36.

HOME RUGBY.

RECENT RESULTS.

London, Jan. 29.
Results of the principal matches played to-day under Rugby Union rules are as follows:—
Gloucester 14, Old Blues 7.
Llanelli 24, Bath 0.
Manchester 8, Birkenhead Pk. 6.
Old Alleynians 0, Guy's Hosp. 42.
St. Barts Hosp. 9, Plymouth A.S. 8.
Edinburgh Aca. 0, Hawick 9.
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CRICKET.

TAIKOO V. WAYFOONG.

On the Chinese Recreation Club ground, to-morrow at 2.15 p.m., the following will represent Taikoo in the above match:—W. C. Bailey, R. H. Blake, J. D. H. Crawford, B. Crowley, A. H. Gillingham (Capt.), C. C. Hickling, J. R. Hinton, H. Parsons, E. J. Rawlinson, H. Spicer, G. R. Vallack.

Volunteers v. Chinese R. C. The following will represent the Volunteers against the C.R.C. on Sunday, at 10.45 a.m. sharp on the Chinese Recreation Club ground:—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), H. C. Burgess, H. E. Standage, C. D. Walter, P. T. Orr, W. Wooding, J. R. Hinton, G. K. Vallack, J. C. Lyon, B. Zimmermann, J. A. Summers.

21 YEARS AGO.

EXTRACTS FROM "TELEGRAPH" FILES:

The following items are from the *Hongkong Telegraph* for the week ended February 24th, 1906:

The rate of the dollar on demand was 2s. 1d.

The 2nd Battn. of the Worcestershire Regiment were to relieve the Royal West Kents in Hongkong.

Sir Ernest Satow, British Minister to China, urged the Peking Government to declare Nanning an open port.

Japan warned China of the dangers of the growing anti-foreign movement.

The C. P. R. Company announced that the liner Montague was to be detached from the Atlantic service to supplement the Company's boats on the Pacific run.

In the Legislative Council, an Ordinance was introduced for the establishment of a Lunatic Asylum in Hongkong.

The Hongkong Government adopted a syllabus for the teaching of hygiene in schools of the Colony.

The Hongkong Loan floated in London was covered at prices between 99 and 100. Underwriters, however, took nearly 70 per cent. of it.

The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., reported profits amounting to \$131,448, and recommended a dividend of six per cent.

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"TELEGRAPH" FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

The *Hongkong Telegraph* offers a prize of \$25 to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts (provided that number is eight or more) of the English and Scottish Cup matches (to be played on Saturday next, February 19th) set out in the coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws. All entries must reach this office not later than noon on Saturday, February 19th.

The competition is run in accordance with the rules published in the *Telegraph* during the weeks ended October 9th and 16th, 1926.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on February 19th:—

ENGLISH CUP.

Wolves	v	Hull.
Chelsea	v	Burnley.
Arsenal	v	Liverpool.
Bolton	v	Cardiff.
Southampton	v	Newcastle.
Millwall	v	Middlesbro.
Reading	v	Brentford.
S. Shields	v	Swansea.

SCOTTISH CUP.

Dundee	v	Celtic.
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All claims must reach this office not later than the Wednesday following the date on which the matches are played. No prize will be awarded for which a claim has not been made.

Before sending in your coupons, keep a list of your forecasts. Compare these later with the published results of the matches, and if you find that you have eight or more correct, send in a claim to the prize.

Mr. George Grimble gave a lecture to the Union Church Literary Club on "Handel."

The statue of Sir Thomas Jackson, in Des Voeux Road, was unveiled by H. E. Sir Matthew Nathan.

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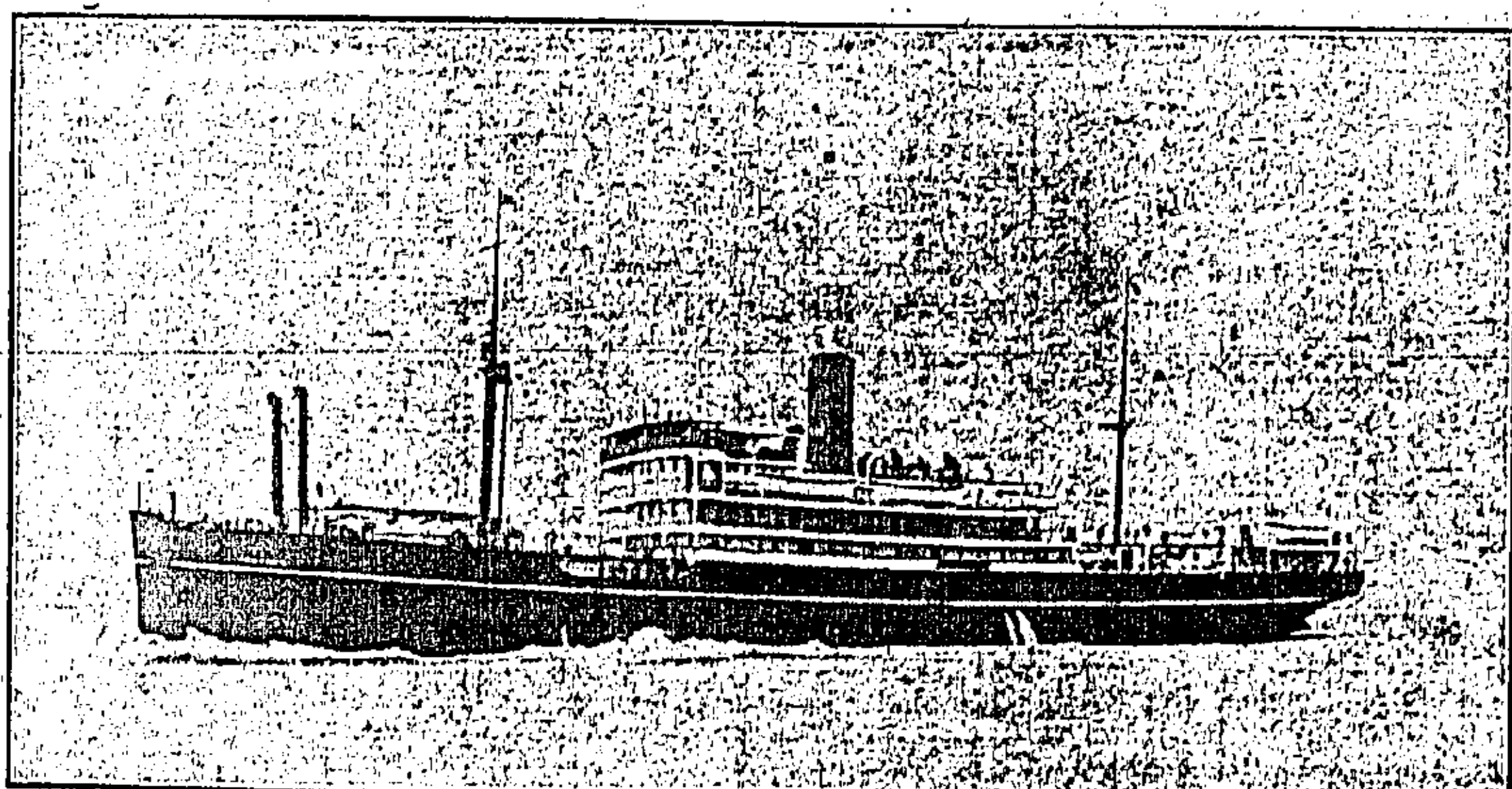
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BACK LANE INCIDENT. BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

BOY WHO FELL FROM WHITEAWAY LAIDLAW'S.

Kunda Singh, formerly a watchman in the employ of Messrs. Whiteaway Laidlaw & Co., charged with assaulting a Chinese boy and causing him to fall from a window on January 8, was again before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Chief Detective Inspector T. Murphy conducted the case for the prosecution. The defendant was unrepresented.

An Indian Police Guard, employed in the same Company, testified to seeing the defendant entering his quarters with a Chinese boy on the night in question.

Asked if he had any question to put to the witness, defendant made a long and irrelevant statement in connexion with the burglary committed at Whiteaway Laidlaw & Co. during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Schofield: What has that to do with the case?
The Interpreter: I do not know, your worship. The defendant is talking all rubbish.

Defendant: He professes to know all about my affairs, but he cannot say when and how the larceny took place.

Inspector Murphy: The larceny took place sometime on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Nobody knows the exact time and certainly not how it was committed. I would certainly like to know all about it, if you can tell me.

For A Walk.

Defendant's case was that he went out for a walk at about 6 p.m. on the day in question. He met two friends, and they accompanied him back to his quarters. Arrived at defendant's quarters, the two friends began writing a letter. Defendant went to sleep.

Sometime later he was roused by the sounds of broken glass. He and his friends looked out from the back window and saw a Chinese boy suspended in mid-air with one of his hands clinging to the bar of a window just below defendant's. The other hand held something which looked like a dagger. Defendant said that he had also seen two or three other Chinese in the back alley. They were hidden behind a ricksha.

Continuing, defendant said that he shouted out to the boy, who on becoming frightened, let go and fell down. Defendant said he rushed down to the lane, but when he got there, the other Chinese who had been hiding behind the ricksha had bolted, taking the boy's dagger away with them. Defendant further added that he blew his whistle and when a policeman came to the scene, he left the boy to the constable's care and proceeded to Kowloon to report the matter to his Manager, Mr. Smith.

Defendant was subjected to a lengthy cross-examination by Inspector Murphy, and after he had expressed the wish to call two or three witnesses, the case was again adjourned.

BANKING LAW.

AN INVESTIGATION PROPOSED.

Washington, Feb. 17. The Senate has ratified the McFadden Branch Banking Bill, granting perpetual charters to Federal Reserve banks, restricting Branch Banking National banks to the limits of the city or county wherein they are situated and permitting such banking only in states which allow State banks to have branches. The bill goes to President Coolidge who is expected to sign.

Senator Glass has proposed an investigation into what he described as a "powerful banking lobby." He said it had been rumoured that a sum of over a hundred thousand dollars was expended by a group of bankers who are interested in certain amendments which were struck from the bill last session. —*Reuter's American Service.*

PAST YEAR'S BIG INCREASE IN RELIEF.

The 37th annual meeting of the Hongkong Benevolent Society will be held at 12 noon on February 23 in the Society's room at the City Hall. It is hoped that subscribers and all interested in the work of the Society will make every endeavour to attend on that occasion. The past year's report shows a threefold increase in application for relief on any previous year's working in the history of the Society and it is feared the coming year will bring even a heavier call owing to the disturbed conditions in China generally.

The Society desires to take the opportunity of warning residents against giving assistance to seemingly distressed people without first making full inquiry. This frequently leads to overlapping. The Society is only too glad to be of use in investigating cases of distress. The Hon. Secretary and members of the Committee attend at the City Hall on Mondays and Thursdays between 11 and 12 to interview cases and to receive gifts of clothing used or unused. These gifts are of the greatest assistance and are urgently asked for. All inquiries should be made to Mrs. J. H. Hunt, telephone K. 1471.

TOURIST TRAFFIC.

FRANCONIA NOT CALLING HERE.

Information has been received that the Franconia is not to be numbered among the tourist liners which are due to call here this year, her schedule having been arranged to allow of visits to most of the British possessions round the world, but which, it is significant, does not allow of a call at Hongkong.

Of the six cruising steamers which visited Hongkong last year, at least one, the s.s. Franconia, will not repeat the visit. This is in the way of a disappointment to many but this magnificent liner will encircle the globe with her quota of eager sightseers over a route which is as interesting as it is unique.

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NELLORE	6,853	2nd Mar.	S'pore, P'ang C'bo & B'bay
MANTUA	10,902	5th Mar.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,605	12th Mar.	M'les, L'don & A'warp
NAGTORE	5,283	14th Mar.	S'gon, M'les, L'don & A'warp
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GAMBHIRA	5,257	18th March	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta

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*PANDA	6,956	4th March	Manila, Sandakan, Thurs.
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MACEONIA	11,120	4th Mar.	S'hai, Moji & Kobe
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STRAITS & Calcutta	Namsang	Mon. 21st Feb at 3 p.m.
TIENSIN S'tow, S'hai, Chefoo Tingsang		Wed. 22nd Feb at 7 a.m.
CANTON	Hangsang	Tues. 22nd Feb at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAU Swatow & S'hai Hangsang		Sun. 27th Feb at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAU Swatow & S'hai Hopsang		Wed. 2nd Mar at noon.
TIENSIN	Cheongshing	Thurs. 3rd Mar at noon.
SANDAKAN	Mausang	Satur. 5th Mar at 1 p.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Laisang	Tues. 8th Mar at 3 p.m.
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Hongkong, February 17, 1927.

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J. LIMAGE,
Agent.

Hongkong, February 18, 1927.

NAVAL NEWS.

LATEST APPOINTMENTS.

The 1,000 Marines on the Minnesota are under the command of Lt.-Col. Carpenter, with Major St. G. Caulfield as second in command and Captain Tollemache as adjutant.

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ON THE YANGTZE.

WHAT BRITAIN HAS DONE.

Writing in the Daily Mail, G. C.
 Dixon says:

The Chinese Bolsheviks have been learning the truth of Oscar Wilde's cynical maxim that nothing succeeds like excess. Having devised clever and unscrupulous anti-British propaganda for the heartening of their own lukewarm adherents, they are now finding that their stories of British tyranny on the Yangtze are being accepted by the ignorant throughout the world.

When Britons themselves swallow nonsense of this kind, probably to the vast diversion of China's Reds, it is time that we all learned something of the real history of the enterprise through which the Upper Yangtze has developed from the grave of countless rotting junks into the world's greatest commercial waterway.

Forty Years Ago.

The romance of the Upper Yangtze begins in 1888, when the late, Archibald Little chartered a junk and made the voyage from Shanghai to Chungking, 1,427 miles.

The journey took 59 days, no less than three weeks being required to negotiate the dreaded gorges between Ichang and Chungking, which for thousands of years had strangled trade and communication.

True, junks did pass them and still do pass them—at a cost. Up this section, where the river thunders and foams between rocky walls, each junk is hauled by teams of sweating, chanting, groaning junkmen. Lungs and hearts may burst, feet may slip and men may fall clanking into the foam beneath, but the onward surge never halts. For once a junk enters the danger zone there can be no pause. A moment's slackening of the ropes and the craft would swing round with the torrent and be dashed to pieces.

Even with the most heroic efforts one junk in ten goes aground each voyage and one in twenty is wholly lost, usually with all aboard. As for the junkmen, the number lost is beyond all knowing. This rocky path has been drenched, every foot of it, with sweat and blood; and the junkmen, earn, if they are lucky, sixpence a day.

Due to Britishers.

If goods and the great majority of passengers, Chinese as well as foreign, are carried to-day in happier and safer conditions the change is mainly due to a few dogged British pioneers.

In 1888, five years after his voyage of exploration, Mr. Little steamed up the Yangtze in the Kuling, specially built for the rapids.

The Kuling proved unsuitable. In 1898 Mr. Little made another attempt in a little 7-ton launch; and in the following year he sent up the Pioneer, a paddle-wheel steamer of 331 tons, built on the Clyde, under Captain Plante. She, too, proved unsatisfactory, and when a German vessel was wrecked in 1900 the pessimists declared that a service was impossible.

But, fired still by Mr. Little's dream, Captain Plante induced some Chinese capitalists to form the Szechwan Steam Navigation Company, and designed a vessel with twin screws that worked in tunnels so that they might not be shattered on the rocks. She passed the gorges safely in October 1909, made 14 trips in 1910, and the battle of 30 years had been won.

How the trade of Chungking alone has grown since then may be seen from the following shipping figures.

Year.	entered	cleared	Tonnage
1910	20	20	5,684
1916	120	120	31,627
1920	272	272	78,758
1925	1,171	1,171	441,478

The decay of the junk traffic, which, together with the sinking of junks by the wash of steamers, has naturally embittered thousands of junkmen, has not been due to the foreign alone. The Chinese have learned that passengers and goods, if conveyed by steamer, run less risk of being seized by militarists. And it is also worth remembering that ships flying the British flag, like the prosperous-looking buildings in the British Concessions, are as often as not owned by Chinese anxious to obtain the security and justice under the Union Jack that their own laws deny them.

MORE HANKOW PROCESSIONS.

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turally he made the most of the situation in China as showing that Lenin's words were well founded. Bukharin exulted over China and saw in her people a means to promote Red International aims. "Hands off China" indeed. These altruistic Russians will make the iron bite into the very soul of China if her people do not speedily realize how strong are the shackles the Comintern is forging for them.

SOVIET POLICY.

M. Litvinoff's Denials.

According to the Tass News Agency (an official Soviet organization) M. Litvinoff, who is the Acting head of the Foreign Affairs Office in Moscow, declared in an interview granted to press representatives on February 6th that the Soviet regretted the suspension of negotiations between Mr. O'Malley and Mr. Eugene Chon on the ground that Britain refused to recall her armed forces.

In the course of the interview, M. Litvinoff said that the "British were trying to lay their own mistakes on the shoulders of the Soviet Government by putting forward perfectly ludicrous legends to the effect that the liberative movement of China, with her multi-million population, is result of the work of some Soviet 'agents.' The Soviet Government has never disguised their sympathies towards the Nationalist movement in China, but it does by no means follow that the Soviet Government should recommend or has actually recommended to the Nationalist Government to follow a policy of acerbating their relations with England, or that the Soviet Government should prevent the signing of a peaceful agreement between England and China. The Soviet Government has never forgotten its obligations undertaken in accordance with the Treaty of 1921 (Trade Agreement) and it will never forget them in future, being anxious to preserve peace and mutually advantageous economic and political relations."

Mr. Litvinoff added that he welcomed the attitude of the British General Trade Unions' Council in favour of peaceful settlement of the conflict with Canton, as well as the attitude in Britain which warned against a rupture of Anglo-Soviet relations, which would affect harmfully, in the first place, those financial and industrial groups which were advocating a rupture of relations. The position of England in the East would not be strengthened as the result of greater hostilities between England and the Soviet.

In conclusion, M. Litvinoff expressed the hope that reasonable elements of the English public and the British Government would prevail over those advocating a policy of "coercion and force."

MOSCOW METHODS.

Soviet Campaign in China.

According to M. Bukharin, the Soviet leader, China "is the first to make an organized attack against Britain."

"As soon as the Chinese victory is assured, China will be made the centre of operations against Britain's neighbouring colonies."

The Pravda explains that it is imperative to knock Britain about elsewhere before starting the Indian revolution.

It recalls that Karakhan, the former Soviet envoy at Peking, was appointed head of the Eastern Department of the Moscow International.

The Soviet is now sending three classes of agitators to China. The political, who will be attached to Chinese personages and institutions, to advise on political and military matters; secondly, a trade agitator charged with the task of intensifying boycotts; and thirdly, a labour organizer for workers' militant trade unions.

Mr. George Cottrell Downing, of Beverly, Llanishen, Glamorgan, a solicitor, who died last November, aged 76, left £299,972, with net personalty £284,361. Nearly £100,000 is left to Mr. Downing's grandson, Peter Barry Downing, but this he forfeits if at any time he shall "conform or adhere" to the Roman Catholic religion, "even if there should be no open confirmation or adherence."

AGAINST THE "REDS".

CANTON'S MILITARY CHIEF ACTIVE.

According to Chinese reports, General Li Chai-sum, Chief of Staff to the Nationalist Army, Commissioner of Military Affairs of Kwangtung, and Commander of the 4th Nationalist Army Corps, is trying by every means to increase his military strength so as to enable him to carry through his plan of checking Bolshevik influence in Kwangtung.

General Li recently dealt very strictly with troubles created by the "Red" labour unionists in Canton and the "Red" peasants in the adjacent village. The most notable action was the driving out of all the labour pickets from the shops in Canton which the pickets were blockading. For this, General Li is much hated by the Reds, who are now said to be planning secretly for his overthrow.

General Li is, however, quite aware of the threats to his position and has therefore adopted several important measures with the aim of suppressing Red activities in the province. One of these steps is the organization of an Institute for the training of directors of peasants' movements, but this institution will be quite different in its policy from similar institutions operated by the Kuomintang Reds, who train men to spread Bolshevism among the peasants. General Li has also established an Academy for the children of the overseas Chinese whom he believes can be trusted with anti-Red work.

Another military institution organised by General Li for the suppression of the Reds is an Officers' Training Corps. Three hundred students have been enlisted for this Corps and after completion of their course of studies these students will be appointed officers in the new Provincial Guards. General Li has also organised an institute for the training of civil officers.

All these institutes will give training in Kuomintang principles but not Red propaganda, such as is given in other Kuomintang institutions.

BURGLAR ALARM.

A SHANGHAI INVENTION.

The increase in the number of armed robberies in Shanghai has again attracted attention to the feasibility of installing effective alarm devices to help in combating this form of serious crime from which Shanghai particularly suffers.

A very ingenious electric alarm system has been invented by a Russian engineer named Mr. A. J. Bapenoff, who calls it an "electric watchman" and claims that at a very small per capita cost he can wire up the whole of Shanghai to the various police stations so that instantly the police may be informed as to the very building involved.

This system is electrified, and by means of a very ingenious combination of wire even a large area like Shanghai can be easily connected with a central point. Mr. Bapenoff would install concealed buttons or switches in each house or office. These connect with wires leading to the telephone, and, using the telephone wires to transmit the electric flash, a prompt alarm can be given at the police station.

Ascertaining the building involved is made very simple. At the station, the inventor would have a combination of coloured lights which, as soon as the alarm is sounded, indicate a signal. Consulting a diagram accompanying the station instrument, a couple of seconds work results in picking out a card upon which the location of the building, description of tenant and other information are found, enabling the police to be sent out to answer the call.

The inventor has a model of his invention in working order at "Tailorcraft," Kiangse Road. Already he has about 100 numbers working on his instrument but he believes he can install his invention so as to wire up 40,000 Shanghai buildings to the police station in the vicinity. The total cost of maintaining his invention, which he believes will guarantee security and freedom from burglaries and other crime, is not more than three or four taels per month.

Constable A. Green, of Potters Bar, Middlesex, has been awarded the King's Police Medal for rescuing two labourers who had been overcome by fumes from a gas-filled sewer.

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